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# Snow Way!

*Snow pounds US Northeast; millions without power*

Jill Shapiro takes photographs of the falling snow at a park in Bellefonte, Pa., Sunday, October 30, 2011. A classic nor'easter moved along the East Coast and dumped anywhere from a dusting of snow to about 10 inches throughout the region starting Saturday, a decidedly unseasonal date for a type of storm more associated with midwinter.  
(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

**MICHAEL MELIA**  
**Associated Press**

**SOUTH WINDSOR, Connecticut (AP)** — A freak October snowstorm knocked out power Sunday to more than 3.1 million homes and businesses across the U.S. Northeast, with close to two feet (60 centimeters) of snow falling in some areas over the weekend. The storm was even more damaging because leaves still on the trees caught more of the particularly wet and heavy snow, overloading branches that snapped and wreaked havoc.

"You just have absolute tree carnage with this heavy snow just straining the branches," said National Weather Service spokesman Chris Vaccaro. From Maryland to Maine, officials said it would take days to restore electricity, even though the snow ended Sunday. The storm smashed record snowfall totals for October and worsened as it moved north. Communities in western Massachusetts were among the hardest hit. Snowfall totals topped 27 inches (68.6 centimeters)

in Plainfield, and nearby Windsor had gotten 26 inches (66 centimeters) by early Sunday. The storm was blamed for at least 11 deaths, and states of emergency were declared in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and parts of New York. Roads, rails and airline flights were knocked out, and passengers on a Jet-Blue flight were stuck on a plane in Hartford, Connecticut, for more than seven hours on Saturday. More than 800,000 power customers were without

electricity in Connecticut alone — shattering the record set in August by Hurricane Irene. Massachusetts had more than 670,000 outages, and New Jersey more than 600,000 — including Gov. Chris Christie's house. Parts of Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, Maine, Maryland and Vermont also were without power. "It's going to be a more difficult situation than we experienced in Irene," Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said. "We are expecting extensive and

long-term power outages." Thirty-two shelters were open around the state, and Malloy asked volunteer fire departments to allow people in for warmth and showers. At least four hospitals were relying on generators for power. Many of the areas hit by the storm had also been hit by Irene. In New Jersey's Hamilton Township, Tom Jacobsen also recalled heavy spring flooding and a particularly heavy winter before that.

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"I'm starting to think we really ticked off Mother Nature somehow, be-

region to support a snow-storm this time of year, but an area of high pressure over southeastern Canada funneled cold air south into the U.S., Vaccaro said. That

limits were reduced on bridges between New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A few roads closed because of accidents and downed trees and power lines, said



A man walks near a tree down on a power line a day after a snow storm in Glastonbury, Conn., Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.

cause we've been getting spanked by her for about a year now," he said while grabbing some coffee at a convenience store. Vaccaro, the weather service spokesman, said the snow-storm "absolutely crushed previous records that in some cases dated back more than 100 years." Saturday was only the fourth snowy October day in New York's Central Park since record-keeping began 135 years ago. There usually isn't enough cold air in the

cold air combined with moisture coming from the North Carolina coast to produce the unseasonable weather. The storm did less damage in coastal areas than it would have in winter because warm ocean temperatures limited snowfall, Vaccaro said. A few businesses enjoyed the early snow: Ski resorts in Vermont and Maine opened early. But it was more commonly an aggravation. Many residents were urged to avoid travel altogether. Speed

(AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

Sean Brown, a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The JetBlue passengers stranded at Hartford's Bradley International Airport were on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Newark, New Jersey, that had been diverted. Passenger Andrew Carter, a football reporter for the Sun Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale, said the plane ran out of snacks and bottled water, and the toilets backed up. □

# Chavez orders more land taken from British firm



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez speaks to the media after meeting with Colombia's Maria Emma Mejia, secretary general of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), not pictured, at the Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's president on Sunday ordered the expropriation of 716,590 acres belonging to a British-owned company amid a disagreement over compensation for earlier takeovers of ranchland from the firm. President Hugo Chavez announced the latest seizure after saying that Venezuela refuses to pay compensation in foreign currency to Agropecuaria Flora, a local subsidiary of the British company Vestey Group. Chavez said the government had received a demand from the company that it be paid in dollars for the previous seizure of tens of thousands of acres. But the government insists in paying in bolivars, Venezuela's currency. It's difficult for foreign com-

panies operating in Venezuela to repatriate profits and other income in bolivars due to foreign currency controls in the South American country. Representatives of Agropecuaria Flora did not answer telephone calls seeking comment Sunday. Venezuela's expropriation of farm and ranch lands began in earnest in 2005, with the government employing a 2001 law allowing it to seize lands deemed idle or not adequately used. Some landowners have negotiated compensation, while others have mounted legal challenges with mixed results. The government has also seized some ranches for which it alleges the owners didn't hold legal title in the first place. □



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## Cain hopes his moment in the sun endures

TRIP GABRIEL

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His surge in the polls, supposed to last a week, is a month old and showing no signs of deflating. His tax plan was laid low in

The results echoed a New York Times/CBS News poll earlier in the week.

"I'm the unconventional candidate," Cain said, grinning, as he dug into a stack of spareribs in a foam take-

"My point is," he continued, "maybe what we're doing is working." He let out a hearty laugh. Since winning a Florida straw poll on Sept. 24, his crowds have been standing room only, which

flowing in, his top aide said recently, at the rate of \$1 million a week, refilling the well Cain primed with \$685,000 of his own money. And yet his candidacy still has an ad-libbed quality.

## Studies challenge wisdom of 2012 candidates' plans



Republican presidential candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry signs papers to be on the New Hampshire's First-in-the-Nation presidential primary ballot, Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at the State House in Concord, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

**CHARLES BABINGTON**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Key proposals from the Republican presidential candidates might make for good campaign fodder. But independent analyses raise serious questions about those plans and their ability to cure the nation's ills in two vital areas, the economy and housing. Consider proposed cuts in taxes and regulation, which nearly every Republican candidate is pushing in the name of creating jobs. The initiatives seem to ignore surveys in which employers cite far bigger impediments to increased hiring, chiefly slack consumer demand. □



Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain waves to a crowd during a campaign stop on the campus of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Cain's surge in the polls, supposed to last a week, is a month old and showing no signs of deflating.

(Rich Addicks/The New York Times)

debates, but his standing keeps climbing.

In a survey of likely Iowa caucusgoers released on Saturday evening by The Des Moines Register, Cain was in a statistical tie for first with Mitt Romney, with the rest of the field well behind.

out clam shell on his campaign bus on Saturday. "I have the unconventional message: bold, solutions-oriented."

He asked an aide for a napkin. "And bring me those baked sweet potatoes back," he said.

Cain attributes to voters, if not pundits, overcoming hesitations about his ability to gain the nomination. "That is no doubt in people's minds now, so they're unleashing their desire to want to support me," he said. Donations have been

His tax plan, picked apart by rivals and independent analysts, would wallop the middle class and benefit the rich. He has retracted many shoot-from-the-hip statements, suggesting a lack of focus (and maybe a lack of sleep). □



# Prosecutions going up for war zone crime

PAULINE JELINEK

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A Marine in Iraq sent home \$43,000 in stolen cash by hiding it in a footlocker among American flags. A soldier shipped thousands more concealed in a toy stuffed animal, and an embassy employee tricked the State Department into wiring \$240,000 into his for-

offenses, bringing to 69 the total since the SIGIR office was created in 2004. Convictions stand at 57. Several hundred more suspects are under scrutiny in 102 open investigations and those numbers are expected to climb.

The rise in caseloads derives partly from spinoff investigations, where suspects facing prosecution

struction, created in 2008, officials report only nine indictments and seven convictions so far. They say they're trying to ramp up after years of upheaval and charges the office was mismanaged. Trent was named acting inspector general after his predecessor left in August and is the third person to hold the job. Still, Trent reported that

tractors steal 70 generators that were meant to supply electricity for fellow Marines. He sent some of their payments home in a footlocker and had other money wired, the report said.

Several U.S. government employees, who received kickbacks for steering contracts to local conspirators and providing inside information to people competing for contracts. A former army sergeant, who was not identified, is charged with pocketing more than \$12,000 in cash that a contractor never picked up after the money was allegedly stolen by another army sergeant and mailed to California inside a stuffed animal.

Jordanian national and U.S. embassy employee Osama Esam Saleem Ayes, who was convicted in April for stealing nearly \$240,000 intended to cover shipping and customs charges the State Department incurs when it moves household goods of its employees. The money wound up in Ayes's bank in Jordan.

Money stolen from reconstruction projects also has been shipped off of U.S. battlefields tucked into letters home and stuffed in a military vest. Tens of thousands of dollars were once sewn into a Santa Claus suit. Prosecutors have retrieved some of the money. More than \$83 million will be returned to the U.S. from Iraq cases completed in the budget year that ended Sept. 30, bringing the total recovered over the last seven years to nearly \$155 million, Bowen's office said. As well as stolen cash, the total includes court-ordered restitution, fines and proceeds from the sale of merchandise seized from those convicted, including Rolex watches, luxury cars, plasma TVs and houses. SIGAR prosecutions recovered \$51 million over the past year, Trent's report said. But the amount recovered is believed to be a tiny fraction of what's been stolen in the two war zones, a figure that will probably never be known for certain. □



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"Investigators and auditors had a productive quarter," said a report on the theft of Afghanistan aid by Steven Trent, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, or SIGAR. The report covered August through October.

In the last 13 months U.S. investigators in Iraq secured the indictments of 22 people for alleged aid-related

lead investigators to other suspects, said Jon Novak, SIGIR's assistant inspector general for investigations. "More and more people are ratting out their associates," he said, turning in conspirators who helped launder money after it was stolen, others who were aware of it and others implicated in the crimes.

As investigators gain experience, they're received better information from a growing network of sources in Iraq, said Dan Willkens, Novak's deputy. Development of an automated data-mining system for investigations has helped, he said, as did a decision two years ago to speed prosecutions by hiring three former assistant U.S. attorneys and detailing them to the Department of Justice.

At the inspector general's office for Afghan recon-

during the last quarter a SIGAR-initiated investigation netted the largest bribery case in Afghanistan's 10-year war.

Former army reserve captain Sidharth "Tony" Handa of Charlotte, North Carolina, was convicted, sentenced to prison and fined for soliciting \$1.3 million in bribes from contractors working on reconstruction projects.

Most crimes uncovered by U.S. investigators in the two war zones include bribery, kickbacks and theft, inspired in part by the deep and pervasive cultures of corruption indigenous to the countries themselves.

Among some of the cases listed in the reports were those of: Gunnery Sgt. Eric Hamilton, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in what prosecutors say was a scheme to help Iraqi con-

## Backpage.com confronts fight over sexual ads

DAVID CARR

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What if the price of having a vital, well-financed string of newspapers included rare, but inevitable, sexual predation on minors? Not a tough call, right? But maybe more complicated than you think for the businesses involved.

Before you head out for the lanterns and pitchforks, it's worth remembering that a free press is not free. One of the offshoots



**Escort service advertisement in print has been around for years, but is now coming more so under question.**

of free speech is that it will be used to pernicious ends. In this instance, Village Voice Media, which owns a string of weeklies, has an online classified network called Backpage.com that includes a section labeled "adult" with categories like "escort" and "strippers & strip clubs." The vast majority involves one consenting adult seeking another, but there have been instances in which the section was used to market minors to sexual ends.

Village Voice Media, controlled by Jim Larkin and Michael Lacey, owns weeklies like the Village Voice, Westword and Phoenix New Times. It has an anything-goes approach to advertising, but in a digital age, that policy has taken on new implications. □



# Protest drummers seen as both poisonous, inspired

VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — To some, the drummers in the Manhattan park that has become the epicenter of Occupy Wall Street are the protest's energizing force. But others, including some fellow activists, call the percussionists "poisonous people" whose relentless, pounding beat is now limited to four hours a day. The drummers were the subject of meetings among neighbors complaining about them, too.

And on a rainy night last week, someone stabbed holes into several drums with a knife. More instruments were found broken up and dumped a few blocks away.

Such acts miss the point of the drumming, says Kris Lew, a Manhattan paralegal who shows up daily to

hit a cowbell for the group. "This is the energy that keeps the movement going," she says.

She has an unlikely supporter — a neighborhood resident.

"It contributes to the positive feeling of the protest," says attorney Mark Scherzer.

Calling themselves the Pulse, the drummers first appeared in the park almost three weeks ago, led by John Eustor, a musician from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

At first, the beat would stretch from morning to evening and longer — a relentless, pounding rhythm that has become a sort of soundtrack for the few hundred people who moved into the park about a month ago. They've set up a tent community to contest the nation's biggest income



A snowman stands at the entrance to an Occupy Maine protester's camp in Lincoln Park, Sunday Oct. 30, 2011, in Portland, Maine.

(AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

inequality since the Great Depression of the 1930s, blaming it on Wall Street financial practices.

The boisterous ensemble is set up at the edge of the park, attracting an ever-moving crowd of spectators.

work. "This is how protesters get their anger out, their aggression, and they leave refreshed."

But in apartment buildings across the street, some residents have had it with the show.

"There is drumming. There are trumpets. There are bugles. There are tambourines. There's yelling and shouting and chanting late into the night," says Ro Sheffe, who lives nearby and is a member of a community board that passed a resolution limiting the drummers.

But the resolution is not legally binding, so the drummers doubled that limit and pound out their beats twice a day for two hours at a time. □

## Presidential campaign ads are tried and true

JOHN HARWOOD

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**WASHINGTON** — In Mitt Romney's telling, Rick Perry made Texas a wasteland. Under the words "Unemployment Has Doubled," a tumbleweed rolls across a barren highway.

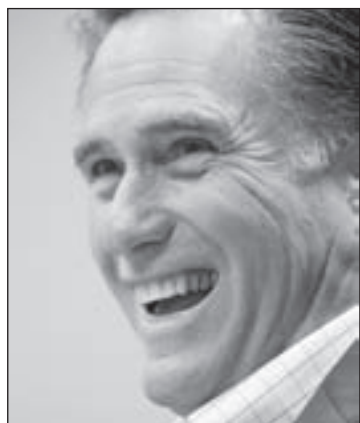
For veterans of presidential politics, that campaign video evokes memories of an attack ad against Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas in 1992. "I called it 'The Night of the Living Dead,'" recalled Sig Rogich, the Republican consultant who depicted Clinton's tenure with a buzzard on a craggy tree.

Never mind that the unemployment rate in Texas is below the national average — or that Clinton, as it turned out, presided over an economic boom. Cartoonish imagery, repeated every four years, is a staple of the political advertising docudrama.

The 2012 season of "Race for the White House" is now opening on U.S. video screens. Even as they appear on new devices like tablets and cellphones, the quadrennial series largely features stock characters. Heroes include Humble Statesman, Family Man and Fighter; villains include

Stumblebum, Shifty-Eyed Schemer and Flip-Flopping Weasel. Same actors, different roles depending on which campaign makes the ad. The familiar 30-second plotlines endure from one election to the next.

"The winning narrative gets



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks during an economic roundtable at the Treynor State Bank, in Treynor, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

rewritten a million times," said Mike Murphy, a Republican consultant. "Love of the easy cliché is alive and well in the political advertising business." THE 'FLIP-FLOP' The next election year promises to be exceptionally negative; the anxiety and anger of voters will

make sure of that. And the templates are already sitting on ad makers' shelves. "One of the classics you're going to see a whole lot is the Evil Limo," said Alex Castellanos, a Republican ad maker. Ad makers use limousine shots to portray rivals as privileged louts, perhaps with black-and-white images of the Capitol for a touch of film noir. Three decades ago Republicans placed a look-alike actor in a limo to depict House Speaker Tip O'Neill as out of touch.

But Evil Limos also work against rich business executives, especially when juxtaposed with images of locked factory gates and downtrodden workers. Such attacks against Romney's financial industry career will be the flip side of his positive ads claiming job-creating know-how. Romney's shifting on some issues also makes him vulnerable to the Flip-Flop ad genre. "Like the Kerry wind-surfing ad," said Mark McKinnon, a media consultant, referring to a spot for President George W. Bush that showed Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, clad in a swimsuit, tacking with the Atlantic breeze. □

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## Settlement reached in anthrax death lawsuit

JENNIFER KAY  
Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — The widow of a tabloid photo editor who died in the 2001 anthrax mailings has reached a settlement in her lawsuit against the U.S. government. Maureen Stevens of Lake Worth, Florida, and the government have reached a tentative agreement that must be approved by the Justice Department, according to court documents filed late last week in West Palm Beach federal court. In her lawsuit, originally filed in 2003, Stevens had claimed



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that the government was negligent in failing to stop someone from working at an Army infectious disease lab from creating weapons-grade anthrax used in letters that killed five people and sickened 17 others. Her

husband, Robert Stevens, was the first victim. Details of the settlement were not disclosed. Stevens' lawsuit had sought as much as \$50 million in damages. Stevens declined comment Sunday and referred questions to her attorney, Richard Schuler. Neither Schuler nor the government's trial attorney immediately returned messages left by The Associated Press on Sunday. A federal judge in West Palm Beach had set Wednesday to hear arguments to dismiss the lawsuit. A trial had been set for early 2012. Robert Stevens

worked in Boca Raton at American Media Inc., the publisher of the National Enquirer, Sun and Globe tabloids, when he was exposed to anthrax. He died Oct. 5, 2001. In court documents, the government contended that there was no proof its actions, or lack of adequate security or precautions, directly caused his death.

The motions also rejected Maureen Stevens' claim that the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Maryland, had a history dating to 1992 of missing pathogens and failure to track dangerous microbes. An FBI criminal investigation concluded in 2010 that a lone federal scientist, Dr. Bruce Ivins, staged the anthrax attacks in the fall of 2001. The anthrax was mailed to locations in Florida, New York and Washington, D.C., including a Senate office building. Ivins committed suicide in 2008 as the investigation closed in around him. New documents filed in Stevens' lawsuit in the spring cast doubt on whether Ivins acted alone. In sworn statements, two of Ivins' superiors said they didn't believe the scientist was solely to blame for the attacks. According to the documents, W. Russell Byrne, the chief of bacteriology at the bio-defense lab from 1998 to early 2000, told Stevens' attorneys that Ivins "did not have the lab skills to make the fine powdered anthrax used in the letters" and that it would have been difficult for Ivins to do the work at night undetected. □

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## Miami Beach comedian is (mostly) serious as a candidate



**Steve Berke, a comedian who is running for mayor of Miami Beach, with Taylor Hannum, left, and Robin Linke, outside City Hall in Miami Beach, Oct. 28, 2011. Berke, calling himself a member of the After Party, promotes his candidacy with videos in which he smokes marijuana, cavorts with models and downs vodka shots.**

(Meg Roussos/The New York Times)

**LIZETTE ALVAREZ**

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**MIAMI BEACH, Fla.** — Wearing a black suit and tie with neon-pink laces on his kicks, the man in the video struggles up Ocean Drive, past the Art Deco hotels and the hangovers they house. He pulls a trolley freighted with two voting machines — the ones that hung those chads long ago and made election infamy. “Easy come, easy go, time for me to say hello,” he sings soulfully into the camera in a parody of Bruno Mars’ video “Grenade.” “My name is Steve Berke, and I am running to be mayor, yo. Is he real? Do you know? Is he one big joke? I can promise you it’s real.” Steve Berke is for real. And the 30-year-old comedian’s quixotic race for Miami Beach mayor — with its YouTube parody videos, sultry fashion models, publicity stunts and pro-marijuana platform — has morphed into a serious bid, with seri-

ous money and a serious political consultant.

Call it a Jon Stewart-generation campaign by a candidate weaned on “The Daily Show” and hoping to use raw humor to reach new, disenfranchised voters through social media. On his campaign fliers, Berke poses with a fluffy housecat borrowed from a friend “because I don’t have a wife and children.” His campaign’s robo-calls use voice impersonators posing as President Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and, “for the Jewish vote,” Adam Sandler.

He has cameras recording his every step (and misstep) so he can pitch the whole thing as a reality show. He highlights his politically lethal gaffes because another part of his platform is unwavering transparency. The fact that his chief opponent, Mayor Matti Herrera Bower, is a two-term, 72-year-old Cuban-Ameri-

can who promotes her experience and grandmother credentials makes the generational schism all the more striking.

“This will be my last term,” Bower assured voters at a recent neighborhood meeting. “So I ask to be voted in again.” On her side sit the powerful police and firefighters’ unions and older Hispanic voters who take pride in her double-first: a Democrat, she is the city’s first female mayor and first Hispanic mayor. With the nonpartisan election on Tuesday, the mayor,

Berke and two other candidates are hitting neighborhood meetings, mailing fliers and appealing to the paltry, mostly Hispanic, mostly older 7,000 or so voters who usually turn out for an off-year election. With so few votes at stake in a four-way race, an influx of new voters — gays, clubgoers, marijuana boosters — could easily skew the outcome or at least force a runoff. “I’m the anti-politician,” said Berke, a claim made by most politicians but not by many who smoke marijuana, down vodka shots

and cavort with models on camera to prove it. “Maybe I can be the first person ever to use comedy to win an election.” The scheme would be laughable if Berke, a libertarian member of his so-called After Party, did not carry an impressive pedigree. He is a Yale graduate who won two national tennis championships. When an injury forced him to retire, he became a contestant on a Fox reality show, “The Rebel Billionaire,” which featured Richard Branson, the corporate mogul. □



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## Somali militants post new tape of 'US suicide bomber'

ABDI GULED KATHARINE HOURELD

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)

— An al-Qaida-linked Somali militant group on Sunday posted a tape allegedly made by an American citizen who blew himself up during an attack on an African Union base in Somalia's capital that left at least 10 people dead.

The young man, who would be at least the fourth American to become a suicide bomber in Somalia, urges other young people not to "just chill all day" and instead fight nonbelievers around the world.

The website Somalimemo.net, often used by the al-Shabab militia, said Somali-American bomber Abdisa-



**African Union tanks are seen guarding in front of their base in the Somali capital of Mogadishu Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. At least 10 people died Saturday during an attack by insurgents dressed in Somali military uniforms and subsequent gunfight that lasted for several hours at the African Union base in Mogadishu, a Somali military official said.**

(AP Photo/Farah Abdi Warsameh)

Ian Taqabalahullaah had emigrated to the U.S. when he was 2 years old. It was not

possible to verify the claims and the U.S. Embassy was not able to comment. U.S. authorities estimate that at least 20 American passport holders have joined the insurgents in Somalia. At least three of them became suicide bombers.

The young man had an American accent and mixed Muslim terminology

with American slang as he urged Muslims to carry out attacks against non-Muslims around the world.

"My brothers and sisters, do jihad in America, do jihad in Canada, do jihad in England, anywhere in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in China, in Australia," the voice said. "Anywhere you find (unbelievers), fight them and be firm against them."

"Today jihad is what is most important thing for the Muslim ummah," he said, using a word for the Islamic community. "It is not important that you, you know, you you become a doctor or you become, you know, uh, some sort of engineer."

"We have to believe in Allah and die as Muslims ... Brainstorm," the youth said. "Don't, don't just sit around and, you know, be, be be a couch potato and you know, you know, just like, you know, just chill all day, you know. It doesn't, it doesn't, it will not benefit you, it will not benefit your-

self, or the Muslims."

On Saturday, two suicide bombers blew themselves up in an attack on an African Union base that killed at least 10 people. The AU has not released official casualty figures but al-Shabab says dozens died.

About 9,000 AU peacekeepers supporting Somali government troops have almost pushed al-Shabab from the capital of Mogadishu. Earlier this month, Kenya opened a second front, sending hundreds of soldiers across the border into southern Somalia.

The insurgency is outgunned by both forces and has been weakened by a famine in its strongholds. But it still maintains the ability to carry off spectacular attacks, like a truck bomb that killed more than 100 people earlier this month, or Saturday's two-hour attack on the AU base. Somalia has not had a functioning government in more than 20 years. □

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## Iran parliament to question Ahmadinejad over fraud

ALI AKBAR DAREINI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)

— Iran's parliament is set to summon President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for questioning over an economic scandal and his policies after the required number of lawmakers signed a petition Sunday, the latest salvo in a long battle between the president and his rivals.

Ahmadinejad would be the first president to be hauled before the Iranian parliament, a serious blow to his standing in the conflict involving the president, lawmakers and Iran's powerful clerics.

At least 73 lawmakers signed the petition to question Ahmadinejad, just above one-quarter of the 290 members required by Iran's constitution to call in a president.

Earlier the parliament found Ahmadinejad's economics minister guilty in relation to a \$2.6 billion fraud case, considered the largest in Iran's history.

This is just one of several economic misconduct cases that target Ahmadinejad allies, evidence that his political struggles are a factor. Ahmadinejad has been wrestling with the parliament and the clergy

over in the run-up to parliamentary elections in March and a presidential election in 2013. Ahmadinejad has come under increasing attacks in recent months from the same hard-liners who brought him to power.

Dozens of Ahmadinejad's political backers have been arrested or hounded out of the public eye by hard-line forces in recent months. His protege and top aide, Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei, has been effectively blackballed from his goal of succeeding Ahmadinejad in 2013 elections by a series of reputation-killing accusations. □





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# After attacks, efforts to restore Gaza cease-fire

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — Libya's interim prime minister on Sunday confirmed the presence of chemical

weapons in Libya and said foreign inspectors would arrive later this week to deal with the issue.

Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril said Libya has no interest in keeping such weapons.

## Libya confirms presence of chemical weapons

ISABEL KERSHNER  
FARES AKRAM

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**JERUSALEM** — Cross-border tensions between Israel and Gaza simmered Sunday as Egyptian efforts to restore an informal cease-fire began to take effect after a deadly round of Israeli airstrikes and Palestinian rocket attacks Saturday.

The Israeli military fired on what it said was a terrorist squad in southern Gaza preparing to fire rockets at Israel on Sunday afternoon. Gaza security officials said one Palestinian militant was killed and another was seriously wounded. Both, it said, were members of the armed wing of the leftist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The main clashes Saturday were between Israeli forces and Islamic Jihad, another group that sometimes acts independently of Hamas, the much larger Islamic militant group that controls Gaza. Israel said it had carried out several airstrikes against Islamic Jihad squads preparing to fire rockets Saturday, killing nine militants.

Islamic Jihad and other smaller groups fired barrages of rockets at cities in southern Israel, killing one Israeli civilian, Moshe Ami, 56, in the coastal city of

Ashkelon.

A spokesman for the armed wing of Islamic Jihad, identified only as Abu Ahmed, told reporters early Sunday that his group had accepted the Egyptian effort to restore an informal truce, but said that the group re-

served its right "to respond to Israeli aggression."

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was not seeking an escalation, but emphasized that anyone trying to attack Israel was taking their life in their hands. □



Family and friends of Ami Moshe mourn during his funeral procession in Ashkelon, southern Israel, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. Moshe was killed after a rocket fired by Palestinians militants from Gaza Strip hit the town of Ashkelon on Saturday night. On Saturday, nine militants and an Israeli civilian were killed in some of the worst violence in the area in months.



A wounded Libyan lies on a stretcher as he is readied to be loaded onto a U.S. military aircraft along with more than 20 others bound for the US for medical care in Tripoli, Libya, Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. A U.S. military plane is flying more than 20 Libyans wounded in the country's eight-month civil war to the United States for treatment. Thousands have been wounded in the fight to topple Moammar Gadhafi, and Libya's new leaders say caring for them is a critical need.

(AP Photo/Abdel Magid al-Fergany)

"We would like to assure you that the new Libya will be a peaceful Libya and that it is in our interest to have no weapons in Libya," he told reporters. Last week, Ian Martin, the top U.N. envoy to Libya, told the U.N. Security Council that undeclared chemical weapons sites have been located in Libya. At the time, he also expressed concern over command and control of chemical and nuclear material sites. Jibril, who has announced his resignation ahead of the

formation of a new interim government, did not provide any details about the chemical weapons.

"There are international organizations taking care of this issue," he said, adding that representatives of those organizations are due to arrive in Libya later in the week.

A Russian-drafted U.N. resolution, to be voted on this week, calls on Libyan authorities to destroy stockpiles of chemical weapons in coordination with international authorities. □



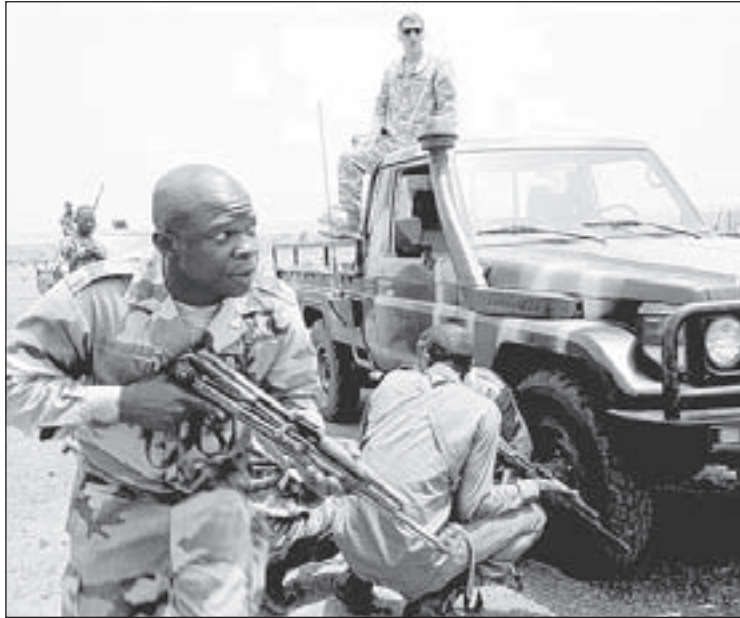
# Mali lawmaker tells of threats over al-Qaida talk

MARTIN VOGL  
Associated Press

**BAMAKO, Mali (AP)** — A Malian lawmaker who has been outspoken about his country's alleged role in providing refuge to an offshoot of the al-Qaida terror network says he was stopped in traffic Sunday in the capital by armed men who warned him to stop talking about the matter. Ibrahim Ag Mohamed Assaleh, a member of parliament from the Bourem region in the north of Mali, where al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM, is known to operate, says he was stopped at around 11 a.m. in Bamako by four men in a black Mercedes. "They presented themselves as agents of the Malian intelligence service. I could see they had automatic pistols concealed under their clothes," Assaleh told The Associated Press by telephone just hours after the incident. "The men told me I should stop speaking about the links between the Malian state and the drugs trade, and the Malian state and AQIM," Assaleh said. Assaleh said he has since checked with the head of the Malian intelligence service, who said the men were not working for him. The lawmaker is among the most outspoken members of Mali's government about

the problem of AQIM, a terrorist outfit that grew out of the groups fighting the Algeria's secular government in the 1990s. The groups merged with al-Qaida in

held until a ransom is secured. Diplomatic cables made available by Wikileaks indicate frustration in the diplomatic community with Mali's inaction. Among



**Malian special forces drill to face off an ambush as a U.S. Special Forces soldier gives instructions from a Malian truck in Kita, Mali, during a joint training exercise. A Malian lawmaker who has been outspoken about his country's alleged role in providing refuge to an offshoot of the al-Qaida terror network says he was stopped in traffic Sunday in the capital by armed men who warned him to stop talking about the matter.**

(AP Photo/Alfred de Montesquiou, File)

2006, and were pushed into Mali where they were able to install themselves with little resistance from local authorities. AQIM militants have raised millions of dollars by kidnapping dozens of European aid workers and tourists, nearly all of whom were abducted in the countries neighboring Mali, then transported to Mali where they've been

the sources quoted in the cables is Assaleh, who acted as a hostage negotiator when an Austrian couple was kidnapped by AQIM. Another is the Algerian ambassador in Bamako who told his American counterpart, according to a February 2010 cable, that Mali is "willfully complicit" in the presence of AQIM on its soil. □

# Bulgaria: Conservative likely winner of presidency



VEELIN TOSHKOV  
Associated Press

**SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)** — The ruling conservative party's candidate declared victory Sunday in Bulgaria's presidential run-off after exit polls indicated he had won handily and his Socialist challenger conceded defeat.

A win by Rosen Plevneliev means the ruling GERB party now controls all the major posts in Bulgaria, which will bolster its push for painful economic reforms in the struggling country, where the average monthly salary is euro350 (\$485) and unemployment is 11.7 percent.

An exit poll, conducted by the Alpha Research agency, gave Plevneliev 54.8 percent of the votes, while indicating 45.2 percent of voters cast ballots for Ivailo Kalfin. Two other exit polls showed a similar margin. The Central Election Commission estimated turnout at 42 percent.

Official results are due Monday, but Kalfin conceded defeat after the exit polling. "The result is clear — we did not win the elections," he said.

Although most of the power in corruption-plagued Bulgaria, a Balkan country of 7.4 million, rests with the prime minister and Parlia-

ment, the president leads the armed forces and can veto legislation and sign international treaties.

The 47-year-old Plevneliev is a former entrepreneur who has been lauded for pushing through several large-scale infrastructure projects as regional development minister in the incumbent Cabinet. He has pledged to reduce the budget deficit and pursue business-friendly policies.

He also said he would do his best to unite Bulgarians in pursuit of reforms in the judicial and health care systems, while also diversifying energy supplies and improving trade.

"Bulgaria's European future means that the president should guarantee equal chances for the development of all regions in the country," Plevneliev said Sunday.

Prime Minister Boiko Borisov, meanwhile, said that by electing Plevneliev, "Bulgarians supported Bulgaria's stability and its European development."

The winner of the contest replaces Georgi Parvanov, a former leader of the Socialist Party who has often criticized the government and used his powers to veto legislation or key judicial office or diplomatic service appointments. □

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# Former rebel wins election



**Enrique Penalosa, Green Party's candidate for Mayor of Bogota, shakes hands with a member of the jury before casting his ballot during local and regional elections in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. Official results show Gustavo Petro defeated former Mayor Penalosa by 32 percent to 25 percent with 85 percent of the vote counted Sunday.**  
(AP Photo/William Fernando Martinez)

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — Former Colombian leftist rebel and anti-corruption crusader Gustavo Petro has won the mayor's race in the national capital of Bogota. It is the first time an ex-guerrilla has gained Colombia's second most important elected office. Official results show Petro defeated former Mayor Enrique Penalosa by 32 percent to 25 percent with 85 percent of the vote counted Sunday. Petro has been a key player in Colombia's recent history. His denunciations of close ties between politicians and right-wing death squads spurred an investigation that landed dozens of lawmakers in prison. Petro belonged to the M-19 rebel group, which made peace with the government in 1990. He spent most of the past two decades in Congress. □

# Kyrgyz election front-runner set for crushing win

**PETER LEONARD  
Associated Press**

**BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP)**

— The front-runner in Kyrgyzstan's presidential election looked set for an unexpectedly crushing victory early Monday, prompting bitter accusations of fraud in a vote that was supposed to put the country on a firmer footing after an uprising last year overthrew the government. With 88 percent of precincts counted, businessman and former prime minister Almazbek Atambayev was easily leading the field with 63 percent of the vote in the former Soviet Central Asian nation. The winner has to get at least 50 percent of the ballots cast to claim victory in one round, and a run-off had been widely anticipated. Kyrgyzstan, an impoverished and mainly Muslim nation of around 5 million people on China's western fringes, is home to both U.S. and Russian military air bases, making its fortunes the subject of lively international interest.

It remains to be seen if the defeated presidential candidates will pursue their



**Front-runner Almazbek Atambayev casts his ballot at a polling station during the presidential election in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. Voters in the turbulent Central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan headed to polling stations Sunday to cast their ballots in the presidential election that could set a democratic precedent for the region.**  
(AP Photo/Vladimir Voronin)

complaints through legal channels or summon supporters to the streets. The specter of a new wave of protests could cause profound anxiety in a country

still unstable due to the political and ethnic violence of recent years. The Kyrgyz overthrew au-

thoritarian President Kurmanbek Bakiyev in April 2010 amid anger over corruption and stagnating living standards. Sunday's election had been touted as the culmination of a movement for political reform away from the strong authoritarian model that has prevailed in the country since independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. Over the past two decades, elections had been purely formal exercises designed to lend a threadbare veil of legitimacy to the ruling elite. Kyrgyzstan last year adopted a new Constitution that saw the powers of the presidency watered down in favor of a more powerful parliament. Many had hoped this election would be the first peaceful transition of power in the economically struggling nation's history. The two presidents that ruled the country over the first two decades of its independence, Bakiyev and Askar Akayev, were both unseated in public uprisings. □

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# 'Personhood': A new tack in abortion fight

ERIK ECKHOLM

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A constitutional amendment facing voters in Mississippi on Nov. 8, and similar initiatives brewing in half a dozen other states including Florida and Ohio, would declare a fertilized human egg to be a legal person, effectively branding abortion and some forms of birth control as murder. With this far-reaching anti-abortion strategy, the proponents of what they call personhood amendments hope to reshape the national debate.

"I view it as transformative," said Brad Prewitt, a lawyer and executive director of the Yes on 26 campaign, which is named for the Mississippi proposition. "Personhood is bigger than just shutting abortion clinics; it's an opportunity for people to say that we're made in the image of God." Many doctors and women's health advocates say the proposals would cause a dangerous intrusion of criminal law into medical care, jeopardizing women's rights and even their lives. The amendment in Mississippi would ban virtually all abortions, including those resulting from rape or incest. It would bar some birth control methods, including IUDs and "morning-after pills" that prevent fertilized eggs from implanting in the uterus. It would also outlaw the destruction of embryos created in laboratories. The amendment has been endorsed by candidates

for governor from both major parties, and it appears likely to pass, said W. Martin Wiseman, director of the John C. Stennis Institute of

the amendment simply bars abortions — a popular idea in Mississippi — by warning that it would also limit contraceptives, make doctors

amendments has split the anti-abortion forces nationally. Some groups call it an inspired moral leap, while traditional leaders of the fight, including the National Right to Life and the Roman Catholic bishops, have refused to promote it, charging that the tactic is reckless and could backfire, leading to a Supreme Court defeat that would undermine progress in carving away at Roe v. Wade.

The approach, granting legal rights to embryos, is fundamentally different from the abortion restrictions that have been adopted in dozens of states. These try to narrow or hamper access to abortions by, for example, sharply restricting the procedures at as early as 20 weeks, requiring women to view ultrasounds

step existing legal battles, simply stating that "the term 'person' or 'persons' shall include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning or the functional equivalent thereof." A similar measure has been defeated twice, by large margins, in Colorado. But the national campaign, promoted by Personhood USA, a Colorado-based group, found more receptive ground in Mississippi, where anti-abortion sentiment crosses party and racial lines, and where the state already has so many restrictions on abortion that only one clinic performs the procedure. In 2009, an ardent abortion foe named Les Riley formed a state personhood group and started collecting the signatures needed to reach the ballot. Evangelicals and other longtime abortion opponents have pressed the case, and Proposition 26 has the support of a range of political leaders. Its passage could energize similar drives brewing in Florida, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, Wisconsin and other states. In Mississippi, the emotional battle is being fought with radio and television ads, phone banks and old-fashioned canvassing.

Among the picnicking fans being lobbied outside the stadium in Hattiesburg on Saturday, Lauree Mooney, 40, and her husband, Jerry Mooney, 45, USM alumni, disagreed with each other. She said that she is against abortion but that the amendment is "too extreme." □



**A sign in support of Amendment 26 in Hattiesburg, Miss. Amendment 26, like others in states like Florida and Ohio, is a constitutional amendment that would declare a fertilized human egg to be a legal "person," effectively branding abortion and some forms of birth control as murder.**

(William Widmer/The New York Times)

Government at Mississippi State University. Legal challenges would surely follow, but even if the amendment is ultimately declared unconstitutional, it could disrupt vital care, critics say, and force years of costly court battles.

"This is the most extreme in a field of extreme anti-abortion measures that have been before the states this year," said Nancy Northrup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, a legal advocacy group. Opponents, who were handing out brochures Saturday to tailgate parties before the University of Southern Mississippi football game in Hattiesburg, said they hoped to dispel the impression that



**Melissa Ambrosino, left, and Cleo Clayton, center, speak to students about voting against Amendment 26 before the homecoming football game at the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, Miss.**

(William Widmer/The New York Times)

afraid to save women with life-threatening pregnancies and possibly hamper in vitro fertility treatments. The drive for personhood

of the fetus, curbing insurance coverage and imposing expensive regulations on clinics. The Mississippi amendment aims to side-





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# Halloween at Garufa Ultra Lounge



**Oranjestad** – Following a refresh, the Island's most popular cocktail lounge

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Manager Antoine Britten welcomed patrons with bottomless flutes of chilled champagne, while the DJ spun fun Latin and contemporary hits, before Yibison took to the stage for an evening of nonstop dancing. The renovated lounge looks much larger, with a giant mirror on the back wall, lighter side and ceiling colors and a lovely gleaming tile floor.

A piano has been added to the room, with a wrap-around bar and stools, in signature Piano Bar style. Free Champagne, snacks and prizes for winners courtesy of Aruba's largest liquor purveyors Arion Wine Company, Romar Trading and the Aruba Trading Company, made Halloween at Garufa unforgettable. Owner Riri Botta explained that Garufa will shortly offer outdoor, street side, smoking tables, spilling the club ambiance into colonial Wilhelminastraat, for an added indoor-outdoor excitement. The club has a complete entertainment lineup starting with Happy Hour at 6pm three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays with \$3 wine and mixed drink prices, accompanied by free tapas.

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ing. During this event on November 2nd, Eric will share the "do's and don'ts" and other "tricks of the trade" of interior décor with guests. Eric has been on the island a number of times and is looking forward to his repeated encounter with Aruban clients. On November 3rd, Glen Goddijn, Aruba's government public space design advisor will be hosting another Designer Night, with an eye on some interesting local projects.

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# Halloween at Garufa Ultra Lounge



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# Kvitova rises to No.2 after WTA Championships

Czech Republic's Petra Kvitova lifts the trophy after winning the final of the WTA Championships against Victoria Azarenka of Belarus in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.

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Tony Stewart celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.

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## Stewart wins at Martinsville

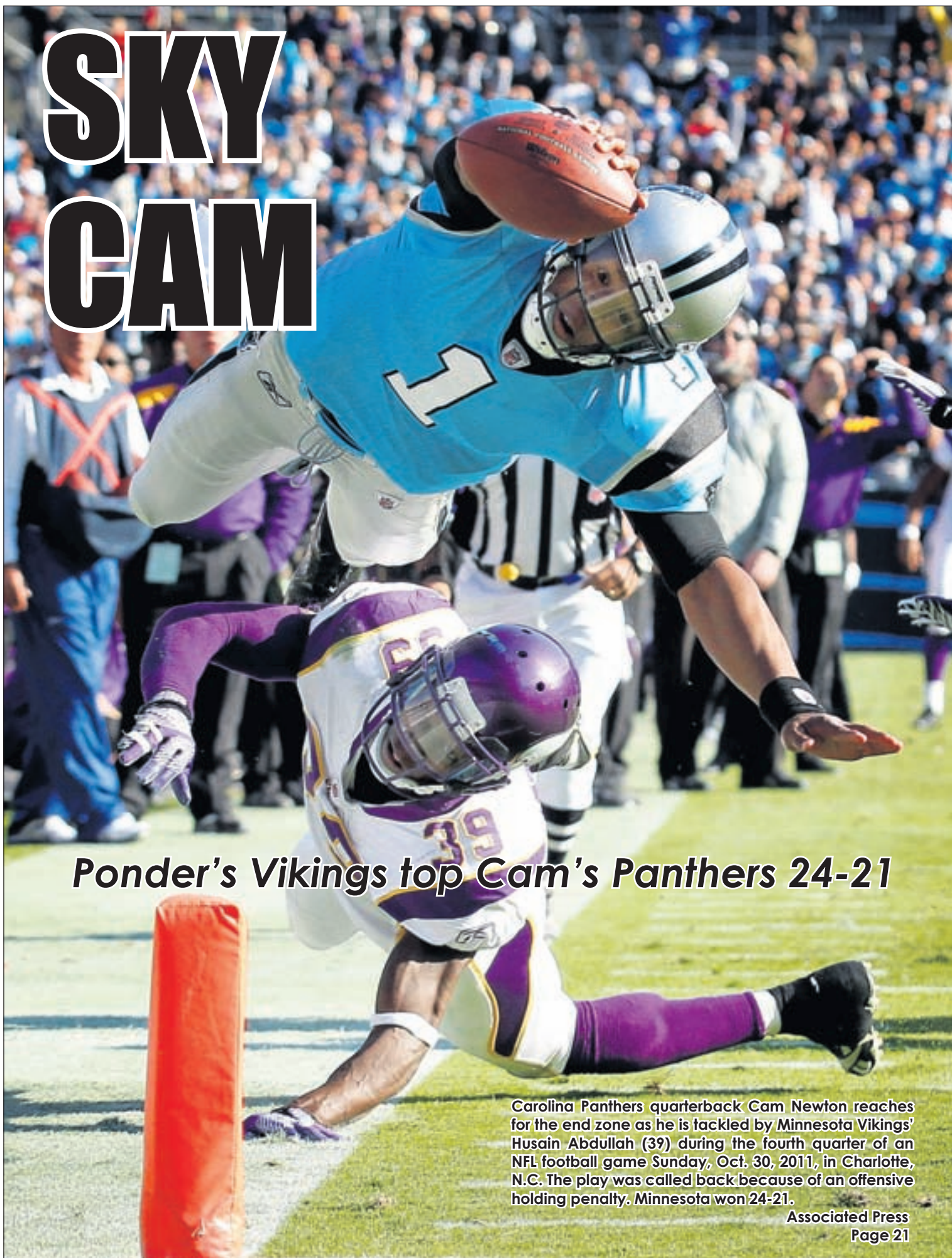
HANK KURZ Jr.

AP Sports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Virginia (AP)

— Tony Stewart passed Jimmie Johnson on a restart with three laps to go Sunday and surged into contention for his third NASCAR Sprint Cup championship with three races remaining. Then, Stewart playfully called out points leader Carl Edwards in a duel to the finish. "He better be worried. That's all I've got to say," Stewart said of Edwards in Victory Lane, a broad smile spreading across his face. "He's not going to sleep for the next three weeks." The victory was the third for Stewart in the first seven races of the 10-race playoffs, and he was easily the leading benefactor as the points race was significantly jumbled. Stewart moved from 19 points behind leader Edwards and in fourth place to just eight points behind in second as several contenders got caught up in a season-high 18 caution flags.

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## Ponder's Vikings top Cam's Panthers 24-21

Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton reaches for the end zone as he is tackled by Minnesota Vikings' Husain Abdullah (39) during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, in Charlotte, N.C. The play was called back because of an offensive holding penalty. Minnesota won 24-21.

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# Smyth scores two goals as Oilers win fifth straight

By Associated Press

Edmonton Oilers' Ryan Smyth, right, celebrates his second goal against the St. Louis Blues with teammates Magnus Paajarvi, left, and Sam Gagner during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Edmonton on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. Davis Backes and Chris Stewart responded for the Blues, who have lost two in a row on the heels of a three-game winning streak. The Oilers (7-2-2) struck first 5:30 in as Ryan Nugent-Hopkins made a perfect pass to a streaking Horcoff, who shoveled a power-play goal past Blues starter Jaroslav Halak.

Edmonton had a chance to add to its lead with seven minutes remaining when Taylor Hall went on a short-handed breakaway, but Halak closed the five-hole in time to deny him. Oilers goalie Nikolai Khabibulin made a pair of saves with Chris Stewart in



Edmonton Oilers' Tom Gilbert, right, defends as Oilers goalie Nikolai Khabibulin deflects a shot from St. Louis Blues' David Backes during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Edmonton on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.

close in the last seconds of the first to keep it 1-0.

St. Louis (5-6-0) tied it four minutes into the second period on a nice play by Backes as he used Jeff Petry as a screen and fired a hard shot under the bar to

beat Khabibulin.

Edmonton regained its lead three minutes later. Smyth snapped up deflected a point shot by Alex Plante and stuffed the puck under the pads of a sprawling Halak.

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The Oilers went down a player midway through the second period when Eric Belanger was taken to the dressing room after being slammed headfirst into the boards by Vladimir Sobotka. He returned for the third

period.

Edmonton went up 3-1 with seven minutes left on a fluke goal: Hall's pass hit Eberle's skate and caromed through Halak's legs. The goal was reviewed but the referees ruled no kicking motion was made by Eberle.

The Oilers made it a three-goal game with three minutes to play in the second as Smyth tucked home the rebound of Tom Gilbert's power-play shot for his second of the game and fifth of the season. Edmonton continued to pressure the Blues with 16 shots in the second period and almost added another goal on a 2-on-1 by Eberle and Hall, but Halak made a stellar kick save on Hall's shot. The Blues got back into the game with a power play goal three minutes into the third as a pair of St. Louis players crashed the net and Stewart batted the puck past Khabibulin. □

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## MLB squad arrives in Taiwan for 5-game series

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** — Major League Baseball brought its traveling roadshow to Taiwan less than 48 hours after the 7th game of an epic World Series capped the season in North America.

New York Yankees stars Curtis Granderson and Robinson Cano lead the MLB squad, which will play five games this week against a team that includes former Yankee — and current Washington National — Chien-ming Wang, one of a pair of Taiwanese now pitching in the majors.

Other members of the MLB squad include Pablo Sandoval of the San Francisco Giants and a pitching staff of Bill Bray, Ross Detwiler, Dillon Gee, Collin Balester, Jeremy Guthrie, Mark Melancon and Jose Veras.

Also on the team are catchers Drew Butera and Jeff Mathis; infielders Erick Aybar, Michael Morse, Ryan Roberts and Danny Valencia; and outfielders Emilio Bonifacio and Logan Morrison.

The series against the Taiwanese offers MLB a great chance to nurture its brand in Asia, where nascent interest on mainland China is the latest iteration in a progression that began in Ja-



**Major leaguers, from right, Robinson Cano of the New York Yankees, Bruce Bochy, manager of the San Francisco Giants, Curtis Granderson of the New York Yankees and LaTroy Hawkins of the Milwaukee Brewers smiles during a press conference of MLB 2011 Taiwan baseball series in Taipei, Taiwan, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. The major leaguers will play five games against Taiwan's team from Nov. 1-6.**

Associated Press

pan and then spread to this small island 100 miles off the China coast.

"It's an honor for us to be here," said Jim Small, vice president of MLB Asia. "Baseball is such an important culture in Taiwan."

Baseball has been the is-

land's leading sport since at least 1969, when a Taiwanese squad won the Little League World Series in the United States.

That came some 60 years after Japan first introduced baseball to the island, mainly as a recreational activity

for its resident administrators in the colonial period. The Taiwanese themselves took up the sport in the 1920s.

Despite a series of game fixing scandals which have progressively whittled down the number of teams in its one professional league,

baseball remains hugely popular on the island of 23 million people. MLB games — many featuring the Yankees — are broadcast live during the season, and fans closely follow the fate of Taiwanese teams in international competitions. □



# Kvitova beats Azarenka in WTA Championships final

**CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA**

**Associated Press**

**ISTANBUL (AP)** — Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova won her first WTA Championships title on Sunday by beating Victoria Azarenka 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 in the final, a victory that also puts her at No. 2 in the world rankings. Kvitova raced to a 5-0 lead in the first set, but Azarenka rallied to level it at 5-5. The Czech player finally converted her fifth set point when Azarenka's forehand sailed out.

Azarenka of Belarus settled into a consistent baseline game in the second set, and clinched it with a forehand winner on the line. Kvitova saved three break points in the first game of the final set and then broke herself to take the early lead.

Kvitova, 21, started the year outside the top 30 and was playing in the season-ending tournament for the first time.

"It's unbelievable to play here," said Kvitova, who beat Azarenka in the Wim-



**Tony Stewart crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.**

**Associated Press**

bledon semifinals on her way to winning her first Grand Slam title this year. Kvitova has won six titles this year, the same number as No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki and twice as many as Azarenka.

"I didn't expect that I would be sitting here as a champion. It's really a big step for me," Kvitova said afterward.

She attributed her achievements this year to improvements not only in her game, but also in fitness and mental strength. Staying healthy was key, along with the support of coach David Kotyza and the rest of her team.

"It's hard to lose but I'm glad I lost to such a champion," Azarenka said during the awards ceremony.

"I gave it all today."

Azarenka said Kvitova started well, catching her "off guard."

"She has a really big serve," the Belarusian said. "In the important moments, it's really saving her ... I could break her more often."

The Czech holds a 4-2 head-to-head record over Azarenka, who was playing in the championships for the third time and will return to a career-high No. 3 in the new rankings by reaching the final. It was the first time she progressed beyond the round-robin stage.

Both players will overtake Maria Sharapova, who had a chance to surpass Wozniacki as No. 1 going into the tournament, but withdrew with an ankle injury after losing her first two group-stage matches.

Kvitova took home \$1.75 million and Azarenka collected \$775,000.

About 13,700 spectators watched the final, continuing a high attendance level for the weeklong tournament for the top eight

players in the world. Turkey does not have a strong tennis tradition, but low ticket prices and heavy government support boosted the event, which was held in Istanbul for the first time.

WTA chief executive Stacey Allaster said the high turnout invited comparisons to the "glory days" of the event, when it was held at Madison Square Garden in New York City decades ago.

Istanbul's ability to host the tournament was seen as integral to the national campaign to host the 2020 Olympics. The sprawling city of more than 13 million has built or renovated major stadiums, and officials seek to alleviate the city's heavy traffic congestion.

"The best way to go to the Olympics or to bid (for the) Olympics is to show that you are good in organizing great events," said Francesco Ricci Bitti, president of the International Tennis Federation and a member of the International Olympic Committee. □



## Martinsville

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Even Stewart had trouble, at one point having to apologize to race leader Denny Hamlin for racing him hard to stay on the lead lap. And that was with less than 20 laps to go.

"I was pretty mad all day, but I was the only guy who didn't get in a wreck with somebody, so I was kind of proud of that," Stewart said, adding that his team told him not to be nice.

The winning pass, he said, surprised even him.

"I don't think anybody has ever passed Jimmie John-

son on the outside," he said, crediting crew chief Darian Grubb for making the right calls and adjustments all race long. "I don't think we had the best race car today, by any means, but we had the most determined pit crew."

Johnson, for much of the day, looked like he might be the one making a huge gain in the points race, especially as Edwards floundered in the mid-20s and wasn't getting any better.

The cautions, which slowed things for 108 laps, also a season high, allowed Johnson to weather a call by crew chief Chad Knaus to

stay out when all the leaders behind him pitted for fresh tires with just over 40 laps to go. But he couldn't hold on with Stewart pressing him at the end.

"I just could not get away from him on the restart," he said, adding that he tried to be cognizant of Stewart's better position in the championship battle. "I thought about going in there and leaning on him, move him up, but that is just not the right thing to do."

Stewart last won the championship in 2005.

Edwards laughed when told of Stewart's challenge. "He's wound up. He won the race. We'll see what happens at Texas," Edwards said.

"I told you guys I thought he was one of the guys that could win this race and be a guy that you'd have to beat for the championship and I think he's proving that right now. But yeah, we'll have fun."

"We'll go race hard. They're gonna have to race us, too. I'm excited about the next three races."

Edwards struggled all day,

twice needing the get a free pass as the first car a lap down. He made it pay off the second time, adjusting his car and rallying to finish an unlikely ninth.

"That's just a gift," he said. "We did not deserve to finish ninth."

Given his history at Martinsville, where he has struggled, Edwards felt like he'd won.

"I had become OK with the fact that we were probably going to finish 20th or 25th," he said.

"I was thinking already about Texas and how we were going to have to go there and everything we were going to do, but my guys stuck with it and we got very, very fortunate."

Others deserved much better than what they got, namely Matt Kenseth and Brad Keselowski.

They started the day second and third in points, and both were running near the front all day until getting caught up in late accidents. Kenseth finished 31st and Keselowski wound up 17th.

It seemed especially harsh

for Kenseth, who was doing uncharacteristically well for him on the 0.526-mile oval until tangling with Kyle Busch on lap 464. Kenseth wound up in the garage.

"That ruined my day, along with his and whoever else got unfortunately collected in that mess,"

Kenseth said about Busch, who also ran up front all day but limped home in 27th place.

Kenseth was running eighth when he crashed. Keselowski also was running eighth.

Jeff Gordon finished third, and saw plenty of mayhem all race long.

"That was crazy. The racing was crazy," he said.

Kevin Harvick finished fourth and moved into third in the points race, 21 behind Edwards. Hamlin was fourth, followed by Jeff Burton, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Martin Truex Jr.

Johnson, who started the day seventh in points, moved into sixth with his second-place run, but is still 43 points off the lead in search of his sixth consecutive championship. □



# Rams shock Saints 31-21

**The Associated Press**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Inspired by the hometown Cardinals stunning surge to the baseball World Series title, the St. Louis Rams pulled off a shocking win of their own in the NFL.

Steven Jackson scored twice in his first 100-yard game in three seasons and the lowly Rams earned their first win this season Sunday, a 31-21 upset of the New Orleans Saints.

Drew Brees barely kept alive his touchdown pass streak on a meaningless score in the final seconds a week after throwing five in a 62-7 rout of the winless Colts. Brees was intercepted twice, too, with Darian Stewart's pick and 27-yard return putting the game away with 2:51 to go.

The NFC South-leading Saints (5-3) average a league-best 35 points, but never got going against a defense ranked near the bottom of the league. The Rams (1-6) had a season-high six sacks after entering the game with just 11, three by Chris Long.

The Rams wore throwback jerseys in a nod to their 1999 Super Bowl championship team. Then there was the pregame appearance by the Cardinals, who brought their World Series trophy with them to help fire up the crowd.

Manager Tony La Russa donned a Sam Bradford jersey and Game 7 winner Chris Carpenter went out for the coin toss wearing a Jackson jersey.

**\*Steelers 25, Patriots 17**

At Pittsburgh, Ben Roethlisberger passed for 365 yards and two touchdowns as the Pittsburgh Steelers finally found a way to beat Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

Roethlisberger completed 36 of 50 passes and led the Steelers (6-2) on a series of clock-chewing drives, effectively keeping Brady and the NFL's top-ranked offense off the field. Pittsburgh held the ball for more than 39 minutes and survived a late rally to win its fourth straight following a 2-2 start.

Brady passed for two touchdowns but threw for a season-low 198 yards and couldn't get into any sort of rhythm while losing to the Steelers for just the second time in his career.

The Patriots (5-2) drew within six when Brady hit Aaron Hernandez for a 1-yard touchdown pass with 2:35 remaining, but a last-gasp drive ended when Brady was sacked and the ball rolled out of the end zone for a safety with 8 seconds to play.

**\*Ravens 30, Cardinals 27**

At Baltimore, Billy Cundiff kicked a 25-yard field goal as time expired and Ray Rice scored a career-high three touchdowns as Baltimore pulled off the biggest comeback in Ravens history.

Using a fumble recovery and an 82-yard punt return by Patrick Peterson, Arizona scored three touchdowns during a five-minute span of the second quarter to take a 24-3 lead.

Baltimore (5-2) then went on a 24-point run and moved in front 27-24 when Rice scored his third touchdown on the opening play of the fourth quarter.

Arizona (1-6) pulled even with a 45-yard field goal by Jay Feely with 8:55 left, but the Ravens won it with a 37-yard, beat-the-clock drive in the final minute.

**\*Vikings 24, Panthers 21**

At Charlotte, Ryan Longwell kicked a 31-yard field goal with 2:43 left, and Carolina's Olindo Mare missed from the same distance with 26 seconds left that would have leveled it.

Cam Newton put the Panthers (2-6) in position with a 44-yard completion to Brandon LaFell on fourth-and-15, but Mare's kick was wide left and Minnesota (2-6) came away with the win. Adrian Peterson had 162 yards from scrimmage and scored two touchdowns for the Vikings.

Christian Ponder won the battle of rookie quarterbacks, completing 18 of 28 passes for 236 yards and one touchdown.

Newton threw a season-best three TD passes, but

had two costly fumbles on blindside hits that led to a pair of Minnesota touchdowns in the first half.

**Giants 20, Dolphins 17**

At East Rutherford, Eli Manning threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Victor Cruz with 5:58 remaining to keep Miami winless.

Manning hit 31 of 45 passes for 345 yards and two touchdowns in rallying the Giants from an 11-point first-half deficit. Mario Manningham caught the other touchdown, a 7-yard play which got New York (5-2) back into the game late in the first half.

**Titans 27, Colts 10**

At Nashville, Matt Hasselbeck threw for 224 yards and a touchdown, and Nate Washington scored twice as Tennessee kept Indianapolis winless. □



St. Louis Rams head coach Steve Spagnuolo, left, talks to St. Louis Cardinals baseball manager Tony La Russa before the start of an NFL football game between New Orleans Saints and St. Louis Rams Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, in St. Louis.

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# In Japan, a trend to make straight teeth crooked

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Americans are expected to spend nearly \$110 billion on dental care in 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with much of it to straighten, whiten and repair less-than-perfect teeth.

Meanwhile, in Japan, a new fashion has women paying to have their straight teeth purposefully disarranged.

A result of tooth-crowding commonly derided in the United States as "snaggle-teeth" or "fangs,"

the look is called "yaeba" in Japanese or "double tooth." Japanese men are said to find this attractive: Blogs are devoted to yaeba, celebrities display it proudly, and now some women are paying dentists to create it artificially by affixing plastic fronts to their real teeth.

"It's not like here, where perfect, straight, picket-fence teeth are considered beautiful," said Michelle Phan, a Vietnamese-American based in Los Angeles, who wrote about the phenomenon on her popular beauty blog.

"In Japan, in fact, crooked teeth are actually endearing, and it shows that a girl is not perfect. And, in a way, men find that more approachable than someone who is too overly

perfect."

The imperfect teeth phenomenon has its Western

Hutton popularized it in the 1970s), but has seen a comeback recently with



**A cosmetic procedure from Dental Salon Plaisir's website. In Japan, a new fashion has women paying to have their straight teeth purposefully disarranged.**

(Dental Salon Plaisir via The New York Times)

equivalents. In an episode of the reality show "America's Top Model" last year, the host and model Tyra Banks encouraged one contestant to have the gap between her two front teeth widened.

"Make it as big as you want it," the contestant replied excitedly.

As the writers at the celebrity and fashion blog Jezebel noted at the time, Banks had instructed a model in a previous season to minimize her gap — presumably when gapped teeth weren't so in fashion.

The gap craze has come and gone several times over the years (Lauren

popular models like Lara Stone and Georgia Jagger. Emilie Zaslow, an assistant professor of communication studies at Pace University in Manhattan, who has studied gender identity and beauty in consumer culture, noted that such ever-shifting tastes often have one thing in common: a fixation with youth.

"The gapped tooth is sort of preorthodontic or early development, and the naturally occurring yaeba is because of delayed baby teeth, or a mouth that's too small," she said. "It's this kind of emphasis on youth and the sexualization of young girls."

Falsely imperfect teeth aren't easy for everyone to swallow, perhaps because for most people, imperfections come naturally but don't score multimillion-dollar contracts. (According to a Forbes report in May, Stone had earned \$4.5 million in the preceding 12 months.)

Zaslow suggested that contrived imperfections like yaeba teeth have nothing to do with imperfection.

"It's not based in self-acceptance," she said.

In other words, it's as phony as Botox.

"It's still women changing their appearance primarily for men," Zaslow said. □

## Commonwealth leaders raise polio vaccine spending

**ROB GRIFFITH**  
Associated Press

**PERTH, Australia (AP)** — Commonwealth government leaders meeting in Australia agreed Saturday to step up efforts to eradicate polio worldwide, despite the Afghanistan war setting back vaccination efforts there and in neighboring Pakistan.

Leaders of Britain, Canada, Australia and Nigeria, as well as billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates, committed tens of millions of dollars in additional funding toward the World Health Organization's campaign to wipe out the disabling disease from the four countries where it remains endemic — India, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. All the polio-endemic countries except for Afghanistan are represented at the three-day summit

in the western Australian city of Perth. The summit comprises the leaders of 53 countries, most of them former British colonies.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said he was "seriously concerned" that polio infection rates had worsened in his country in recent years. Pakistan was the only country in the world to increase reported polio infections last year. There were 144 cases in 2010, up from 89 in the previous year, according to WHO figures. So far this year, 118 cases have been reported in Pakistan — the largest number of any country. Gilani blamed the flow of people fleeing fighting on both sides of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, the inaccessibility of war zones to medical teams and religious "fanatics" opposed to vaccines for the failures of vaccination programs in the border regions. But Pakistan's government remains committed to a target of eliminating polio by the end of this year, he said. "No doubt we have a huge task ahead, but we remain determined to eradicate this and protect every child in Pakistan from the scourge of polio," Gilani told reporters. □

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## New Cain Internet ad shines focus on viral videos

By BETH FOUHY

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Before Smoking Man, there was Obama Girl. And who can forget Jib Jab?

A new ad featuring Herman Cain's smoking campaign manager Mark Block is the latest political video to become an overnight web sensation.

The ad, with Block taking a deep drag on a cigarette while Cain flashes a Cheshire cat grin, has had close to 1 million clicks on Cain's website since its debut last week. It's also aired repeatedly on cable news shows and become the subject of countless parodies.

Online viral videos have become a staple of American politics. Not long ago, pricey paid television ads were the only way for candidates to be noticed. Now, anyone with a good idea and an Internet connection can generate buzz in the presidential contest.

"The most important thing to appreciate about viral videos is they really reduce the power of traditional media gatekeepers," said Stephen Farnsworth, an associate professor of communications at George Mason University in Virginia. "The decisions of what the public could see used to be in the control of TV executives. The Web gives people the ability to send messages horizontally. You see something you like, you

put it on YouTube."

Some widely disseminated videos have been harmless fun such as the ad produced by digital studio Jib Jab in 2004 showing rivals George W. Bush and John Kerry singing a hilarious rendition of "This Land."

Others have had a deeper impact, including Tina Fey's scathing depiction of 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin as an ill-informed lightweight. Those sketches first appeared on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" but were widely shared online.

Cain, a little-known former Godfather's Pizza executive before joining the 2012 GOP race, has seen his popularity spike recently after a series of debates and his much-discussed 9-9-9 tax plan. The smoking man ad, with its low production values and quirky imagery, has added to the sense of novelty about Cain's candidacy and was distributed almost for free.

In an interview with CNN on Friday, Block said Cain had raised \$3 million in October in part because of the video's popularity.

"That's what we're seeing in our grassroots activism growth and obviously in the YouTube thing," Block said. President Barack Obama, cast as the innovative newcomer when he joined the Democratic field in 2008, has experienced the upside and downside of being a Web video sensation. □



The ad, showing Block take a deep drag on a cigarette while Cain flashes a Cheshire cat grin, has had close to 1 million clicks on Cain's website since its debut last week. It's also been aired repeatedly on cable news shows and become the subject of countless parodies.

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## Merkel party considers minimum wage

**BERLIN (AP)** — The German chancellor's party is exploring the idea of a minimum wage for workers, abandoning its previous opposition to such a policy, party members said Sunday. Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats are debating a proposal for a minimum wage before a November congress,

of a blanket minimum wage and rejection of such a policy is written into the coalition agreement signed by Merkel's conservative Christian Democratic Union and her pro-business coalition partners, the Free Democrats from 2009. But pressure from within the party resulted in an agreement to propose legislation



NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, left, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, address the media during a news conference after a meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin, Germany, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011.

(AP Photo/Michael Sohn)

said Peter Altmaier, the party's chief parliamentary whip. "It will be a good debate at the party congress and at the end will be a major step forward," Altmaier tweeted. "Evolution always works." Unions and employers in Germany's leading industries have traditionally hammered out individual wage agreements. Merkel's party has previously rejected the idea

that would set a base wage for jobs that do not fall under an existing wage agreement. "The CDU has previously believed that an industrywide agreement can be found," Karl-Josef Laumann, a CDU member who worked on the proposal, told WDR broadcaster on Sunday. "But where there is no such agreement, we can set a minimum wage." □

## US lobstermen seek other work as stocks dwindle

**MICHAEL MELIA Associated Press HARTFORD,** Connecticut (AP) — Nick Crismale made his career as a lobsterman, but lately there are not enough of the crustaceans in Long Island Sound to make it worth putting out the traps.

Crismale, who dedicated himself to clamming this year, had been among the few remaining holdouts in an industry devastated by a steady decline in lobster stocks. Only about 30 full-time lobstermen are left in Connecticut, down from more than 300 in the years before a devastating lobster die-off in 1999.

"We're losing a way of life. We're losing a heritage," said Crismale, 61, the leader of the Connecticut Commercial Lobstermen's Association.

Some argued last year that the species was rebounding, and fishermen fought back a proposal for a five-year ban on lobster fishing south of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. But that optimism is fading. Researchers who trawl the waters of Long Island Sound for a survey that began in 1984 say they have never seen so few lobsters.

The 1999 crash was heralded by the typically feisty lobsters turning limp and los-

ing their fight. The pattern has repeated itself each late summer, and state officials say they receive a larger number of anecdotal reports of sick and dying lobsters every year. While lobsters are thriving in Maine, production is down from a peak

tures that have driven lobsters to cooler, deeper waters — away from prime spawning grounds and to places where more predators lurk. In Long Island Sound, scientists say, commercial lobster fishing may be doomed. The number of lobsters found by trawl-



In this Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 photo, Lobsterman Mike Theiler pulls he harvested out of a basket on a dock in New London, Conn. Only about 30 full-time lobstermen are left in Connecticut, down from more than 300 in the years before a devastating die-off in 1999.

(AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

in the late 1990s in the area south of Cape Cod through North Carolina. Scientists cannot explain the decline, but possible factors include overfishing, a 1996 Rhode Island oil spill and a disease that disfigures lobster shells but does not taint the meat. They also believe it may be partly explained by warmer water tempera-

ers that take samples at 200 random points in the sound every year has been falling "precipitously" since the late 1990s, said Penny Howell, a marine fisheries biologist with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in Old Lyme. She said a field crew could not even deliver on a researcher's recent request for 10 lobsters. □

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# Can Kodak rescue itself via a patent bonanza?

**BEN DOBBIN**

**AP Business Writer**

**ROCHESTER, New York (AP)**

— Picture this: Kodak — the company that invented the first digital camera in 1975, and developed the photo technology inside most cell-phones and digital devices — is in the midst of the worst crisis in its 131-year history. Now, caught between ruin and revival, Eastman Kodak Co. is reaching ever more deeply into its intellectual treasure chest, betting that a big cash infusion from the sale of 1,100 digital-imaging inventions will see it through a transition that has raised the specter of bankruptcy.

Kodak popularized photography over a century ago. It marketed the world's first flexible roll film in 1888 and transformed picture-taking into a mass commodity with the \$1 Brownie camera in 1900. But for too long the world's biggest film manufacturer stayed firmly focused on its 20th-century cash cow, and failed to capitalize quickly on its new-wave know-how in digital photography.

As a result, Kodak has been playing catch-up. Pummeled by Wall Street over its dwindling cash reserves — and its stumbling attempts to reinvent itself as a profitable player in digital imaging and printing — Kodak has been hawking the digital patents since July. Many financial analysts foresee the portfolio fetching \$2 billion to \$3 billion.

But others think Kodak can haul in far more than that — and carry it off within a few months. That's because

patents have become highly valuable to digital device makers who want to protect themselves from intellectual property lawsuits. In July, an alliance made up of Apple and Microsoft purchased a raft of patents

Christopher Marlett, chief executive of MDB Capital, an investment bank based in Santa Monica, California, that specializes in intellectual property. "There is an all-out nuclear war right now for global dominance

period. And then, poof, you're back in the same position without the assets to sell," says analyst Shannon Cross of Cross Research in Livingston, New Jersey. "If you're burning cash and not finding a way to generate recurring earnings, it doesn't matter."

Kodak's grim financial picture should become clearer when it reports third-quarter results Thursday. Agitated investors will likely focus on the company's latest borrowing activities and cash woes — it had \$957 million in cash in June, down from \$1.6 billion in January. They will also want to know what kind of progress Kodak made in the July-September period in building up a high-margin ink business to replace shriveling film sales.

Kodak has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into new lines of inkjet printers that are finally on the verge of turning a profit. Home photo printers, high-speed commercial inkjet presses, workflow software and packaging are viewed as the company's new core. Kodak projects that sales from those four businesses will double to nearly \$2 billion in revenue in 2013, accounting for 25 percent of all sales.

In the meantime, Kodak needs to tap other sources of revenue before those areas have time to pay off — and mining its inventions has become indispensable. Kodak's chief executive, Antonio Perez, has signed confidentiality agreements with potential buyers but hasn't given a time frame for a deal. □



**In this late 1920s file photo, Eastman Kodak Co. founder George Eastman, left, and Thomas Edison pose with their inventions in a photograph taken in the late 1920s. Their contributions, Edison invented motion picture equipment and Kodak invented roll-film and the camera box, helped create the motion picture industry. Buffeted by fierce foreign competition, then blindsided by a digital revolution, photography icon Eastman Kodak Co. is teetering on a financial precipice after a quarter-century of failed efforts to find its focus.**

(AP Photo, File)

from Nortel Networks for \$4.5 billion. A month later, Google bought Motorola Mobility for \$12.5 billion, in part, to gain hold of the company's 17,000 patents. "The size of the (Kodak) deal could blow your socks off," predicts Los Angeles money manager Ken Luskin, whose Intrinsic Value Asset Management owns 3.8 million Kodak shares.

"It's pocket change for Google and Apple to go pay \$3-or-\$4-or-\$5 billion for these patents," concurs

in smartphones, tablets and mobile devices, and Kodak has one of the largest cache of weapons sitting there." Marlett says he owns Kodak stock, but wouldn't disclose how much.

Even a hefty return, skeptics counter, won't solve Kodak's struggle to close out a nearly decade-long transformation and return to profitability in 2012 after running up losses in six of the last seven years.

"All the extra cash does is give you a lifeline for a short

## Caribbean Airlines fined for limiting compensation

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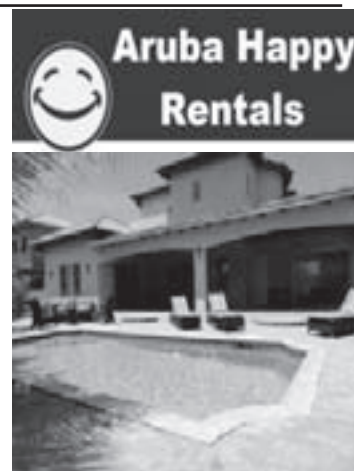
— U.S. regulators have fined Caribbean Airlines for allegedly wrongly limiting compensation that passengers received after their baggage was delayed, lost or damaged.

The U.S. Transportation Department says in a statement on its website that the Trinidad-based carrier was

fined \$60,000 for giving passengers less than they were entitled to under an international air-travel treaty. The U.S. agency says the carrier routinely told passengers that it was not liable for the loss of irreplaceable or expensive items. Caribbean Airlines did not return emails seeking comment Sunday. □



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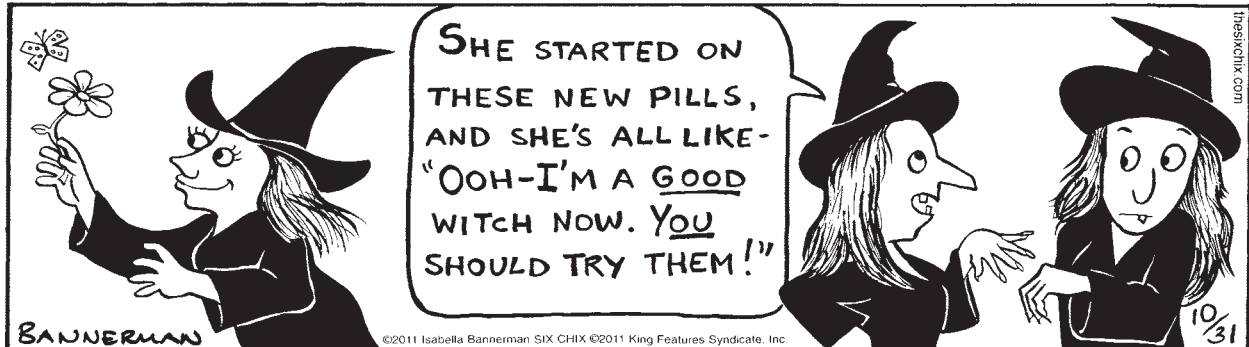




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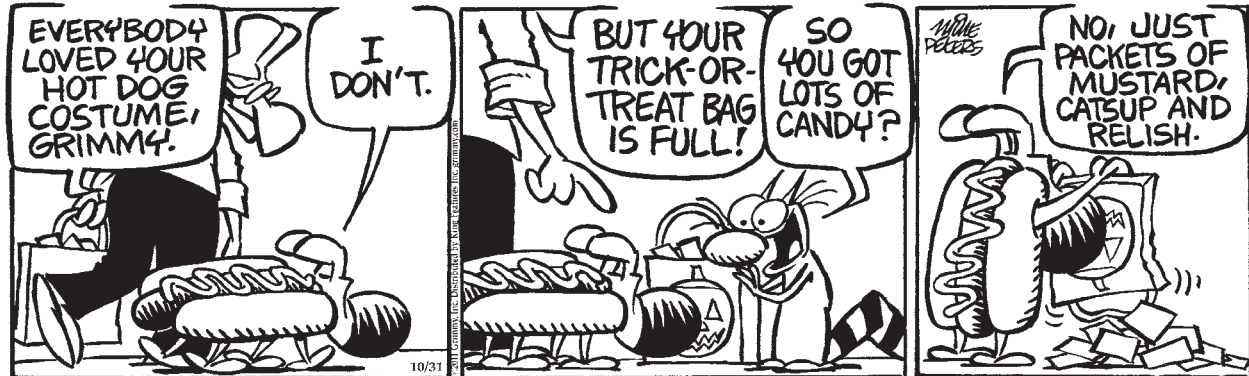
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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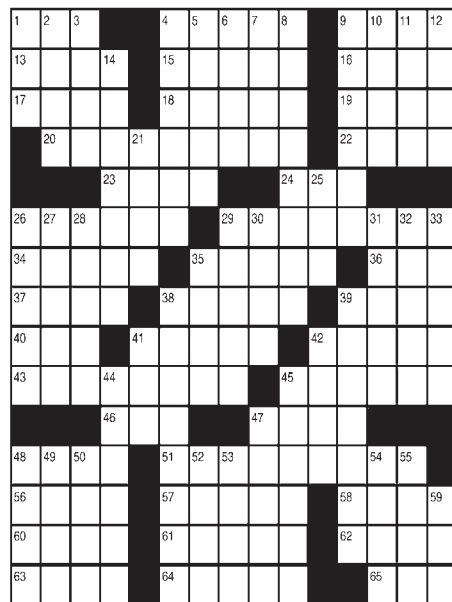
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

6	8	7	5	3	9	4	1	2
3	5	2	1	4	7	8	9	6
4	9	1	8	2	6	3	7	5
8	3	4	9	6	2	7	5	1
1	7	9	4	5	3	6	2	8
2	6	5	7	8	1	9	3	4
5	1	8	3	9	4	2	6	7
9	4	6	2	7	5	1	8	3
7	2	3	6	1	8	5	4	9

### ACROSS

- "What'll \_\_\_", hit for Irving Berlin
- Writing that defames a reputation
- Roy Rogers and \_\_\_ Evans
- Biblical wedding miracle town
- Saying
- Wading bird
- Salamanders
- Barbecue utensils
- 2nd in charge, for short
- Needing a full set of dentures
- Whirlpool
- Signals to actors
- Hearing organ
- Elevator alternative
- Maintenance men
- Of the city
- Strength
- Tiny
- Soap brand
- Yearned
- TV's Belknap
- Play a role
- Penalized financially
- Water vapor
- Unnecessary
- In a brave way
- Belonging to you and me
- Told a fib
- Mountain lion
- Singer Clapton
- Logical consistency
- Walk the floor
- Covered with a vine
- Little fruit pie
- Anemia
- patient's lack
- Audacity
- Pond growth
- Penny
- Lime's color
- In favor of



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### DOWN

- cream cone
- Loony
- Hang \_\_\_; keep
- Woodworking machines
- Adored ones
- Cause of woe
- Breakfast order
- Reduced
- Turn aside
- In the sack
- Told a fib
- Catch sight of
- Unfriendly
- Rotate
- Broadcast
- African nation
- In a \_\_\_; quickly
- Let up
- James Earl \_\_\_
- Floored
- Possessed
- Of the kidneys
- Sordid
- Bowling targets
- Puncturing
- Georgia's capital
- Sneezer's ailment, often
- Partial amount
- Museum guide
- Load
- Annoy
- The "Odyssey" or the "Iliad"
- Uncommon
- Piece of Greek Orthodox art
- the hill; past one's prime
- Employ
- Young cow
- Thus
- Paving substance

### Saturday's Puzzle Solved

RIPS	SLACK	VAST
IRON	COCOA	INCA
TIDE	OTTER	SNAP
ASSENTS	RADIATE	
	RAT	OCTET
ABBEY	APE	COATI
SEED	SIT	HORROR
PAL	AUDITOR	BAA
ICICLE	CUE	FORTE
CHEAP	CAB	
	SHALL	SEE
POSTAGE	HADDOCK	
IDOL	LABEL	OGLE
TORE	OVERT	WRAP
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# Today is Monday, October 31, the 304th day of 2011. There are 61 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1517 - Martin Luther nails 95 theses at Wittenberg Palace church, marking the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

1731 - Expulsion of Protestants from Salzburg, Austria, begins.

1922 - Fascist leader Benito Mussolini becomes prime minister of Italy.

1925 - Reza Khan usurps Persian throne; Greek army invades Bulgaria.

1926 - Magician Harry Houdini dies in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.

1938 - The day after his "War of the Worlds" broadcast panicked U.S. radio listeners, Orson Welles expresses "deep regret" but also bewilderment that anyone had thought the simulated Martian invasion was real.

1953 - Floods in Bihar state of India leave two million people homeless.

1956 - British and French troops bomb Egyptian airfields in Suez War.

1961 - Cloud of radioactive debris moves across central Siberia after Soviets explode what is called biggest man-made nuclear bomb.

1967 - Lieutenant General Nguyen Van Thieu takes oath of office as first president of South Vietnam's second republic.

1968 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson orders a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hopes for fruitful peace negotiations.

1979 - A concrete and earthen reservoir dam collapses near Indiantown, Florida, sending four-meter-high (12-foot) floodwaters over 32 kilometers (20 miles) stranding 1,700 persons.

1984 - India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards in reprisal for the Indian army attack on a Sikh shrine four months earlier. Two-thousand people are killed in anti-Sikh riots after the murder.

1990 - In an unprecedented action, the Canadian



**Today is Vanilla Ice's birthday**

government instructs Canadian subsidiaries of U.S. companies not to comply with a new U.S. law designed to prohibit them from trading with Cuba.

1991 - Zambia holds its first multiparty elections, with Frederick Chiluba winning over independence leader and first president Kenneth Kaunda.

1992 - Five American nuns in Liberia are shot to death near the capital Monrovia; the killings are blamed on rebels loyal to Charles Taylor.

1993 - Pledging not to resort to force, the Russian government instead blasts high-decibel rock and rap music at defiant hard-liners barricaded inside parliament during a constitutional crisis.

1994 - Bosnian government forces hand Serbs their worst defeat in 2 1/2 years of war, pushing ahead to threaten a supply route south of Sarajevo.

1995 - A bomb attack on offices of the main anti-government group in northern Iraq kills at least 22 people.

1996 - A Brazilian jetliner crashes into a residential neighborhood in Sao Paulo shortly after takeoff, killing all 96 people on board and five on the ground.

1997 - The parliament in Russia approves an international treaty banning

chemical weapons. Russia has the world's largest arsenal of poison gas.

1998 - Iraq announces that it will no longer allow U.N. weapons inspectors to work in the country.

1999 - EgyptAir Flight 990 bound for Cairo from New York's Kennedy Airport plunges 10,000 meters (32,800 feet) into the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 217 people on board.

2000 - A Russian rocket carrying the first residents of the international space station blasts off from Kazakhstan.

2001 - A New York hospital worker with a mysterious case of inhalation anthrax dies, the United States' fourth fatality in a month of bioterrorism.

2002 - An earthquake strikes the village of San Giuliano di Puglia in the Apennine mountains 225 kilometers (140 miles) southeast of Rome, killing 26 children and one teacher in an elementary school that collapsed.

2003 - Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad resigns after 22 years as Malaysia's leader. His hand-picked successor, Abdullah Badawi, is sworn in that day in a ceremony at the royal palace in Kuala Lumpur.

2004 - Caravans carrying activists traveling from as far as Canada arrive in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to demand authorities find the culprits behind a string of unsolved killings committed against women since 1993 in this rough border city.

2005 - President Vladimir Putin says that he will not seek a third term in 2008, but vows not to allow "destabilization" in Russia following the vote, leaving the door open for drastic action in the event of a crisis.

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**SETH BORENSTEIN**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A prominent physicist and skeptic of global warming spent two years trying to find out if mainstream climate scientists were wrong. In the end, he determined they were right: Temperatures really are rising rapidly.

**Associated Press**

ing readings from Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. His ultimate finding of a warming world, to be presented at a conference Monday, is no different from what mainstream climate scientists have been saying for decades.

What's different, and why everyone from opinion columnists to cable TV 's satirical "The Daily Show" is paying attention is who is behind the study.

Koch Foundation, whose founder is a major funder of skeptic groups and the conservative tea party movement. The Koch brothers, Charles and David, run a large privately held company involved in oil and other industries, producing sizable greenhouse gas emissions.

skewing the temperature analysis. "The skeptics raised valid points and everybody should have been a skeptic two years ago," Muller said in a telephone interview. "And now we have confidence that the temperature rise that had previously been reported had been done without bias."

Muller said that he came into the study “with a proper skepticism,” something scientists “should always have. I was somewhat bothered by the fact that there was not enough skepticism” before.

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# 'Shrek' spinoff 'Puss in Boots' tops box office

JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The "Shrek" spinoff "Puss in Boots" landed on all fours, opening with an estimated \$34 million to lead the box office.

The DreamWorks 3-D animated film, distributed by Paramount Pictures, proved the popular character voiced by Antonio Banderas was a big enough draw outside the "Shrek" franchise.

The PG-rated "Puss in Boots" scored with family audiences on the weekend before Halloween, and also drew a large Hispanic crowd, which made up 35 percent of its audience.

Though the box office for the top 12 movies was up 7.8 percent from the corresponding weekend last year, it was still affected by both the unseasonable winter storm on the East Coast and the appeal of the Game 7 broadcast of baseball's World Series on Friday night. DreamWorks estimated the storm took off several million from "Puss in Boots."

The new release on the weekend from 20th Century Fox, the Justin Timberlake sci-fi thriller "In Time," was down as much as 20 percent Saturday in markets

like New York and Philadelphia.

But the largest estimated opening didn't happen in North America. "The Adventures of Tintin," which is being distributed overseas by Sony Pictures and Paramount Pictures, opened in 19 international markets and hauled in \$55.8 million. The performance-capture 3-D animated film, directed by Steven Spielberg and adapted from the beloved Belgian comic series, was especially popular in France, where its \$21.5 million was the largest opening for a non-sequel Hollywood film. The film opens in the U.S. on Dec. 21.

"We're still waiting for the holiday season to kick in in earnest as we get into November," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "The holiday season is going to be very strong at the box office."

Paramount also claimed the weekend's second top performing movie with the low-budget horror film "Paranormal Activity 3." That film took in \$18.5 million in its second week of release, bringing its cumulative total to \$81.3 million. Paramount's "Footloose" was the fourth film on the weekend, adding \$5.4 mil-



Antonio Banderas arrives at the premiere of "Puss In Boots," Sunday, Oct. 22, 2011, at The Regency Village Theater in Los Angeles. "Puss In Boots" opens in theaters on Oct. 28, 2011.

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lion for a three-week total of \$38.4 million.

"In Time" opened with \$12 million domestically but took in more (\$14.5 million) overseas.

The biggest disappointment was "The Rum Diary," the Hunter S. Thompson adaption starring Johnny Depp. It opened weakly, earning just \$5 million, a low figure for a film headlined by Depp and which cost an estimated \$50 million to make.

But the solid opening for "Puss in Boots" was much needed for DreamWorks. The company said Tuesday its net income fell by half in the third quarter as its early summer release, "Kung Fu Panda 2," did not haul in as much at the box office as last year's "Shrek Forever After." Reviews and audience reaction have been positive for "Puss in Boots." Its release date was moved up a week to essentially give the film more time to run in theaters before other large fall movies are released. It added \$17 million internationally, with most of that coming from Russia.

"We always looked at this

as a two-weekend release strategy, so we think we've got a good start on that plan," said Anne Globe, head of worldwide marketing and consumer products at DreamWorks. "Being the number one movie and the likely Halloween weekend record-breaker, we're well-positioned to go into week two as well as play through the holidays."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday. □

## Paul McCartney to help restore Motown piano

**DETROIT (AP)** — During a summer visit to a Motown recording studio, former Beatle Paul McCartney wanted to run his fingers along an 1877 Steinway grand piano played by some Detroit music greats he considers idols.

"He was disappointed when we told him it didn't play," Motown Historical Museum chief executive Audley Smith Jr., told The Detroit News for a story Saturday. Undaunted, the legendary rock star from Britain told museum officials following a July concert at Comerica Park that he wanted to help restore it.



In this Oct. 9, 2011 file photo, former Beatle Paul McCartney gestures as he and American heiress Nancy Shevell leave Marylebone Town Hall, London, after their wedding.

Associated Press

On Monday, the piano will be picked up from the Detroit museum and shipped to Steinway & Sons in New York for restoration.

The work is expected to take up to five months. The piano company has to assess the piano's condition before a cost can be determined.

"Steinway & Sons is honored to restore the historic Steinway piano that was used by such legends as Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson and Stevie Wonder — and to do so in the very same New York factory where it was originally built in 1877," □

## Sugarland: 'We are all changed' by collapse

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**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — A packed house watched country duo Sugarland deliver an emotionally-charged free concert meant to "celebrate" healing, life and music while serving as a tribute to the victims of a deadly stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair last August. Singer Jennifer Nettles told Friday night's crowd — including some of those injured during the collapse

— that the tragedy had changed them all. Nettles opened the 2½-hour show at a packed Conesco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis by telling audience members they were in store for an emotional night that would also be part celebration. She also told fans that Sugarland had visited the fairgrounds, where high winds toppled scaffolding and stage rigging on Aug. 13 into a crowd awaiting a performance by the country duo. □



# AP Enterprise: Brown estate was saddled by debt

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**COLUMBIA**, South Carolina (AP) — Soul singer James Brown's charitable trust had withered to just \$14,000 and his estate was saddled with more than \$20 million in debt before a professional money manager was able to turn it around, an attorney told The Associated Press.

Under a complex 2009 settlement, the manager took control of Brown's assets from the estate's trustees. That manager wiped out the crushing debt and paved the way for thousands of needy students to receive full college scholarships by next year from the charity by cutting deals that put the Godfather of Soul's music on national and international commercials for Chanel perfume and Gatorade.

The full details of that settlement and the dire condi-



In this July 6, 2005 file photo, James Brown performs on stage during the Live 8 concert at Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Associated Press.

tion of Brown's estate had previously been a mystery and were provided to the AP by David Black, an attorney for the money manager.

And now that deal — which gave about half of Brown's assets to the trust, a quarter to Brown's widow and young son, and the rest to his adult children — could be in jeopardy because the ousted trustees claim the deal should never have been approved and should be thrown out.

The deal brokered by then-South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster and approved by Circuit Judge Jack Early ended years of fighting among Brown's heirs, who came to realize no one would gain without an agreement. The disputes had started almost immediately after Brown died of heart failure on Christmas Day 2006.

But the trustees who'd been

removed, Adele Pope and Robert Buchanan, argue in briefs filed to the South Carolina Supreme Court that the attorney general didn't have the authority to push through the settlement and want the whole thing thrown out. The court will hear arguments on the matter Tuesday.

The trustees argue they were not party to the negotiations that led up to the settlement, had opposed it, and were removed because of their opposition. The trustees' attorneys declined to comment beyond the court documents. In their brief, lawyers for the attorney general's office argue the trustees hadn't conducted an appraisal of Brown's estate, had paid themselves hundreds of thousands of dollars from the sale of Brown's household and personal effects and claimed "\$5 million in fees and want to scuttle a settlement so that the litigation will continue." Furthermore, McMaster was justified in getting involved because under state law he must look after those who might benefit from a charitable trust.

At the time of the settlement, the exact value of Brown's assets was not made public and attorneys said his accounts had little money in them. In the summer of 2008, some of his possessions were auctioned off for \$850,000, in part to pay for the debt. All agreed at the time that future income from music and movie royalties and the use of Brown's likeness was what remained at stake.

"Placing Pope and Buchanan back into power would be similar to throwing a grenade into the James Brown music empire," said David Black, an attorney for Russell Bauknight, the court-appointed special administrator and trustee for Brown's estate and the charitable trust. Bauknight has not commented on the status of the case since he was named in 2009, nor has he been paid for his work up to this point, Black said.

## Montel Williams: Israel leads in medical marijuana

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**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Emmy Award-winning television personality and patient activist Montel Williams said Sunday he was impressed with Israel's liberal attitude toward medical marijuana, and he believes the U.S. could learn a thing or two from the Jewish state. Williams was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999 and he has since been an outspoken advocate of medical marijuana to relieve pain caused by the disease.

The former host of the popular long-running talk show "The Montel Williams Show" is in Israel on a fact-finding mission to learn about its medicinal cannabis practices. He is meeting with legislators, scientists and physicians.

At the height of his TV career, Williams was one of the most recognizable faces in America alongside fel-

low daytime TV hosts Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue and Geraldo Rivera.

"We need to get out of the dark ages and into the new ages," he told The Associated Press.

"Not every patient can use cannabis, but for those who can — why deny it?" In Israel, certain doctors can approve cannabis prescriptions and disperse them to patients, said Itay Goor-Aryeh, the head of the pain management unit at the Sheba Medical Center in central Israel.

He said that while marijuana use is strictly regulated, many doctors prefer prescribing it to patients who qualify because it is "the lesser of evils."

"Those patients, if they do not get cannabis, they will get morphine-like drugs and other harmful drugs," said Goor-Aryeh. "I think that in many ways, cannabis is tolerated and is less



Emmy Award-winning television personality Montel Williams speaks during an interview with the Associated Press in Jerusalem, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. Williams says Israel is at the forefront of providing patient access to medical marijuana. Williams was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999. He has since been an outspoken advocate of medical marijuana to relieve pain caused by disease.

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addictive than morphine-based drugs."

Sixteen U.S. states have decriminalized the use of medical marijuana to some extent. Critics claim dispensaries are often no more than drug trafficking fronts. Williams said that those merely seeking to smoke pot won't go through the lengthy bureaucratic process when they could just "go down the street."

Williams, 55, said he takes

cannabis on a daily basis. "For me, there is nothing else that can do what it does," he said. "It helps me suppress my pain ... When I am not using cannabis I am thinking about my pain every 45 seconds."

He said the drug has been "vilified to substantiate the false reason why it was banned in the first place," and that he hoped it would one day become a regular prescription drug.



## Politics, pizzas and pessimism



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Being surprised by something nutty from Herman Cain's presidential campaign is like balking at an autopsy in a "CSI" episode: Certain things go with the territory. Still, you had to pause and peel your jaw off the ground after watching an Internet ad for Cain that prompted considerable conversation last week. In it Cain's chief of staff, who comes across mostly as an untidy salt-and-pepper mustache with a rumpled politico attached, delivers the needless reminder that Cain has "run a campaign like nobody's ever seen." To prove the point he glowers meaningfully at the camera while sucking manfully on a cigarette. Alligators as border-patrol agents and nicotine for all: That's the Cain agenda.

The candidate appears in close-up at the end of the commercial, flashing a grin that's two parts demented to one part demonic. Were there a thought bubble attached, it would say, "In my wildest dreams I never thought you people would actually buy this pizza." Meanwhile Rick Perry, who would trade his five best pairs of custom-made cowboy boots for just one of Cain's percentage points in the polls, tried to steal the dubious thunder of the Herminator's 9-9-9 tax hallucination by announcing an either-or, multiple-choice tax phantasm of his own. It would compel you to hire an accountant to figure out whether you're best served by the existing code or by a 20 percent flat tax designed to spare you the accountant. If you go the 20 percent route, Perry said, you can file your returns on a postcard. I think he should add a deduction for taxpayers whose postcards promote national pride. I'll pick one with the Statue of Liberty.

You can do Mount Rushmore or the Washington Monument. In the midst of all this, two attention-commanding sets of numbers were released. One, from the Congressional Budget Office, confirmed an increasingly uneven distribution of wealth in this country, noting that the inflation-adjusted incomes of the most affluent Americans had grown much, much faster over the last three decades than the incomes of the middle class. The other, from a New York Times/

CBS News poll, showed that 74 percent of Americans think the country is on the wrong track and 89 percent do not trust that government will do the right thing. That's a chilling and extraordinary pessimism, grafted onto a 9.1 percent unemployment rate and projections of a grim economy for some time to come. And it makes the kookiness of the Republican primaries all the more disquieting. As the (later disputed) story goes, Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Cain's chief of staff smokes while the citizenry smolders. The disconnect between the seriousness of our angst and the silliness of our politics – between how big our problems are and how hopeless or just plain stuck the people who are supposed to address them seem – defies belief. Right now the system isn't working, and a recognition of that is one of the ties that bind Occupy Wall Street and the Tea Party.

They don't identify the same villains or promote the same solutions. But they're flowers of a shared frustration. And neither movement is a marginal, renegade phenomenon. A recent Time magazine poll found that 54 percent of Americans have a favorable view of Occupy Wall Street, while 27 percent have a favorable view of the Tea Party. Even assuming some overlap, that translates into a great many people supportive of movements railing against the status quo. These Americans have lost faith in business as usual and government as usual. But his newly frequent trips outside Washington and newly fiery rhetoric suggest that he has partly given up. In terms of real progress on jobs creation, infrastructure and other matters central to our economic predicament, we could be looking at a solid year of nothingness, and therein lies another of the moment's disconnects. Our need is urgent, but the possibility that it will be meaningfully addressed is remote.

The congressional supercommittee charged with whittling down the national debt will hold a public hearing Tuesday. The heart beats faster. Already there are reports of a Democratic insistence on significant new taxes and a Republican opposition to same, which basically brings us back to where Obama and John Boehner left off. We're looking at an interminable November. Some observers say that the absurdity of that is indeed a mirror of our distress – that Americans are grasping at simplistic straws. But Cain's support won't last or turn out to have been all that meaningful.

The poll's more consequential findings were that six in 10 Republican primary voters weren't paying close attention yet and eight in 10 said it was too early to decide on a candidate. □



## Addicted to exercise?



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Fop decades, scientists have studied areas deep within the brain that seem associated with pleasure and addiction.

Put an electrode in that part of a rat's brain, and it will become obsessed with stimulating those areas. When rats are allowed to push a lever in exchange for a mild current that produces a "high" in the "pleasure centers," they will press the lever up to 7,000 times per hour. These rats forget to eat or drink, and they must be unhooked to prevent self-starvation. Male rats ignore females in heat to get a fix, and nursing mothers ignore their babies. "Pressing that lever became their entire world," David J. Linden, a neuroscientist at Johns Hopkins University medical school, writes in his fascinating new book, "The Compass of Pleasure." Linden explains how drugs such as cocaine that light up these pleasure centers (there are several interconnected areas) actually rewire the brain to increase cravings. You can look at magnified photos of rat brains and tell which animal was given cocaine and which wasn't.

Yet it's not just drugs. Brain scans suggest that everything from sugar to sex lights up the brain's pleasure circuitry. These all can have neurological consequences that correspond to what we think of as addiction. For example: exercise.

As a pathological runner since my days as a high school cross country athlete in Oregon, that struck a chord. Am I addicted to running? "Exercise addicts display all of the hallmarks of substance addicts: tolerance, craving, withdrawal and the need to exercise 'just to feel normal,'" Linden writes.

OK, I confess. I might be an addict. Exercise seems to trigger the release of chemicals called endorphins and enkephalins (the brain's version of opium) and endocannabinoids (the brain's version of marijuana). In the lab, rats can develop an addiction to exercise on a wheel. Brain researchers are finding many similar patterns. Who knew that orgasms, in men and women alike, light up the pleasure centers much like cocaine? (And who knew that researchers immobilize subjects in a lab, hook them up to a brain scanner, and then instruct them to engage in sexual activity?) Linden argues that there is such a thing as a genuine biological addiction to sex. The public's failure to recognize this, he says, means that people often don't receive treatment. "Sex addicts are among the least likely to seek help among all sufferers of addiction," he writes, adding that this is tragic because sex addicts may be more likely than drug addicts to take others down with them. Brain chemistry research also suggests that gambling and overeating can be addictive behaviors, analogous to narcotics addictions. In particular, foods with sugar or fat seem to trigger cravings that then rewire the brain's pleasure circuitry to amplify that craving. One study found that rats fed foods like cheesecake and chocolate showed differences in brain circuitry after just 40 days. The impact was that the pleasure centers of their brains were numbed, so they apparently needed to gobble even more cheesecake to generate the same satisfac-

tion. Whether it's sugar or heroin, the body steadily ratchets up the quantity necessary to provide the same high. Does this mean the end of free will? Of course not. But it's a reminder that cravings are complex phenomena with strong ties to brain chemistry and genetics. Maybe that's why President Barack Obama has shown astounding self-discipline in his political career while enduring a long struggle with nicotine.

Moreover, our brains impel us not only toward vices, but also toward virtues. In recent years, researchers have found that generosity isn't always a sacrifice; instead, it often exhilarates us. One set of experiments at the University of Oregon involved young women hooked up to brain scanners as they were presented with modest amounts of money. Sometimes the money was then "taxed," sometimes they were given the chance to donate to charity, and sometimes they were given additional money.

Their pleasure centers lit up when they received money, as one might expect – but also when they gave money away.

There were considerable variations among individuals. About half of the women seemed to derive as much pleasure, based upon their brain patterns, from giving money as from receiving it. The other half enjoyed receiving money more. Not surprisingly, the latter contributed less to charity.

Maybe the research will lead to new tools to fight drug addiction, alcoholism or obesity. Maybe I'll be able to get a runner's high without the sweat. But, to me, the most fascinating insight is that for at least half of humans it truly does seem to be as blessed to give as to receive. On the basis of the latest brain research, as well as practical experience, let's acknowledge this profound truth: Altruism and generosity can be hedonistic pleasures. □



# A cosmetics brand deepens its coverage

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On a recent rainy evening, Rose Estime, a 35-year-old accountant who lives in Manhattan, left Macy's Herald Square store with a small bag containing a cleanser by Fashion Fair that she was eager to try. Estime has been a loyal customer

clides 20 shades, including dark ones, available in the U.S. Cover Girl has its Queen Collection, represented by Queen Latifah; and niche lines like Iman Cosmetics and Black Opal have also built a loyal client base.

"We've been asleep," said Desiree Rogers, chief exec-

level of success, strangely enough."

Fine, however, has his work cut out for him. An informal survey of younger African-American women showed that brand awareness of Fashion Fair was faint at best.

"One day I was in Green Acres Mall in Queens and

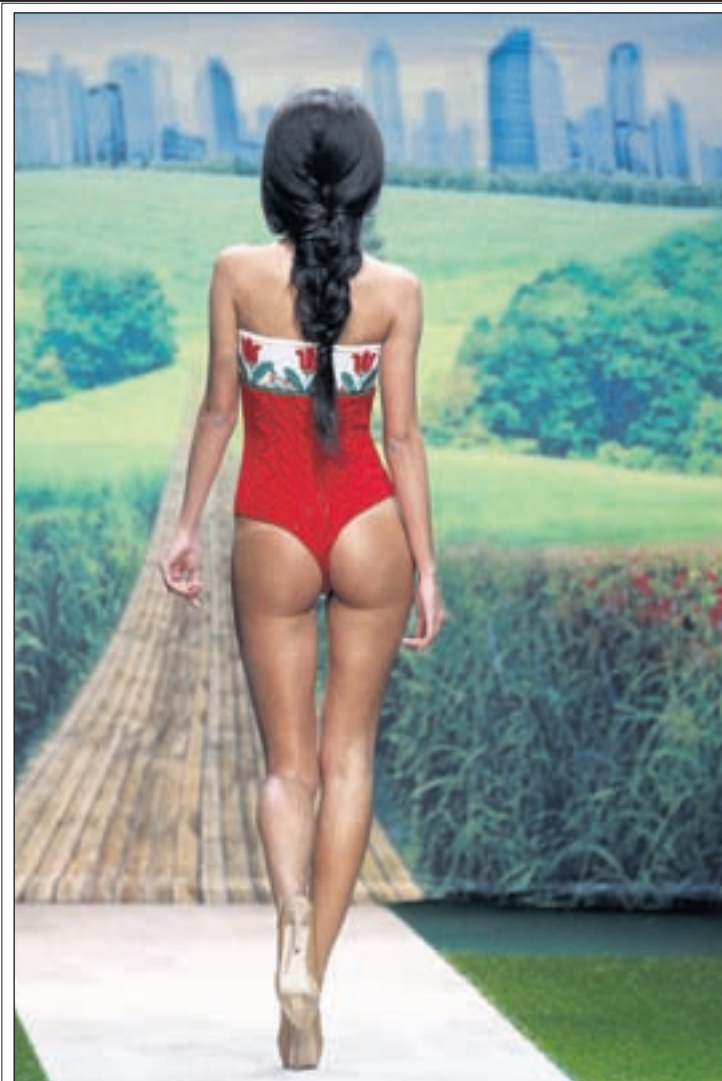


**A model wearing the Siren Call collection from Fashion Fair, once one of the few makeup options for women of color, is finding increased competition from major brands and revamping its image. (The New York Times)**

of the cosmetics line, which is meant for black women, for more than a decade. "It matches my skin color, and I have itchy, sensitive skin and it helps me," she said. "They're the only products I can use without issues." For many of the 38 years it has been in business, Fashion Fair, which is owned by Johnson Publishing Co. in Chicago, filled the makeup bags of women of color — because, in part, there were so few options. But more recently brands including MAC, NARS and Bobbi Brown, all of which command significant counter space at Macy's and other department stores, have been siphoning away Fashion Fair's core demographic. In late September, Chanel introduced Perfection Lumiere, a foundation line that in-

utive of Johnson Publishing Co. and the former White House social secretary. "Some women refer to the brand as their grandmother's makeup, and we're working to change that." As part of the division's makeover, Rogers and the brand's president, Clarisa Wilson, have appointed Sam Fine, 41, as creative director of Fashion Fair. Fine, a veteran makeup artist, has painted the faces of Iman, Patti LaBelle, Vanessa Williams, and more recently, Mary J. Blige, Tyra Banks and Jennifer Hudson. "I started out with Mikki Taylor and Brooke Shields doing Essence and Cosmo covers," he said. "But it wasn't until I really started dedicating my career to beautifying women of color that I found purpose and really found a greater

saw a Fashion Fair promotion or something," said Danielle Byrd, 38, another shopper at Macy's, who works at David's Bridal in Manhattan and said she uses Iman foundation and MAC lip gloss. "I didn't know they were still around," she added. "I was surprised." Natalie Pryor, 22, a senior majoring in advertising at Michigan State University, uses bareMinerals blush, lip color and eyeliner from Ulta. "I have heard of them and they have my attention, but I probably won't buy any until I get a job," she said in a phone interview about Fashion Fair, adding that "As a college student, I cannot afford them right now." (In fact, at a list price of \$17, a Fashion Fair blush is \$2 cheaper than a comparable item by bareMinerals.) □



**Models display creations by Russian designer Antonina Shapovalova during the Volvo Fashion Week Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.**

(AP Photo/Mikhail Metzel)

